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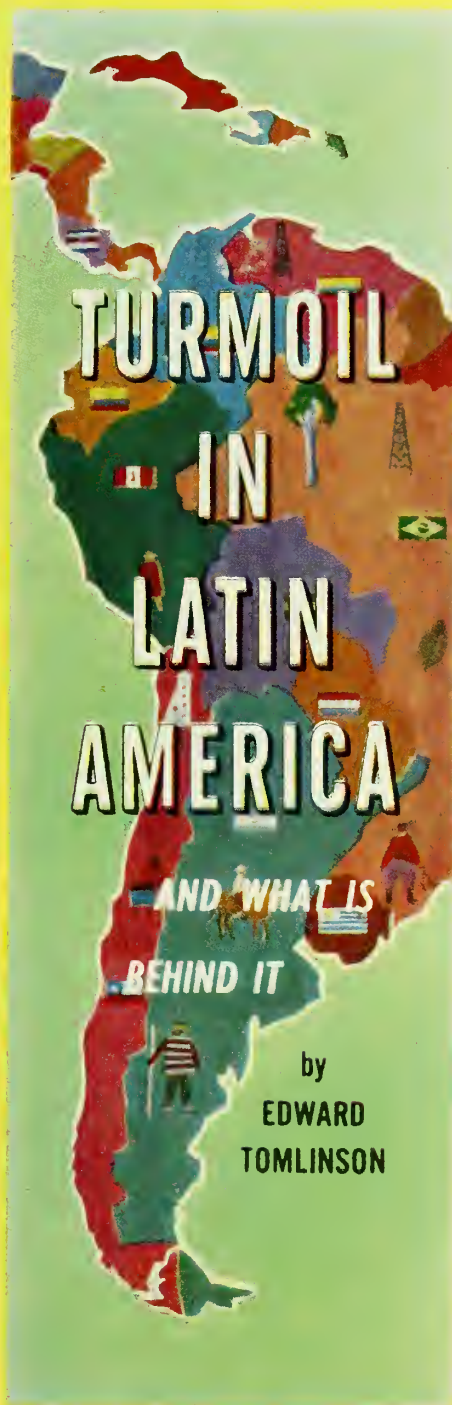
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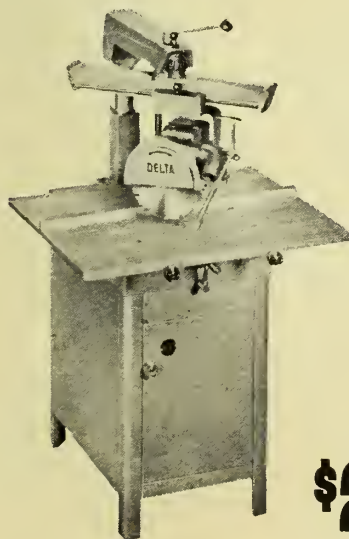
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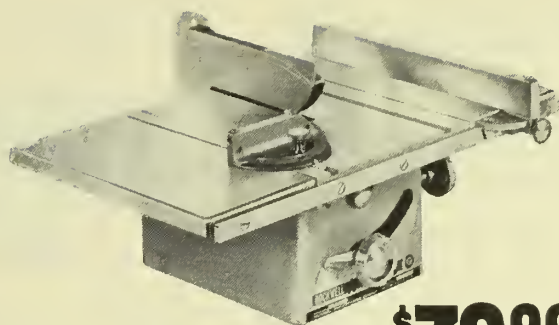
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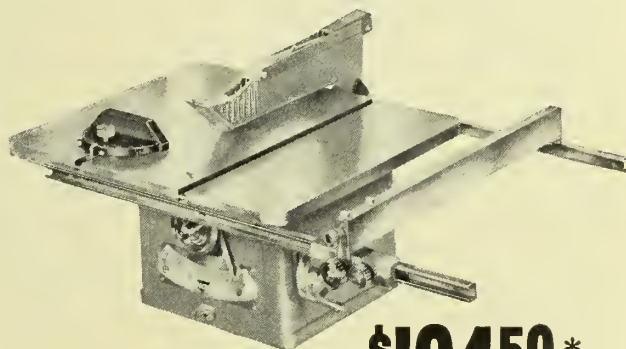
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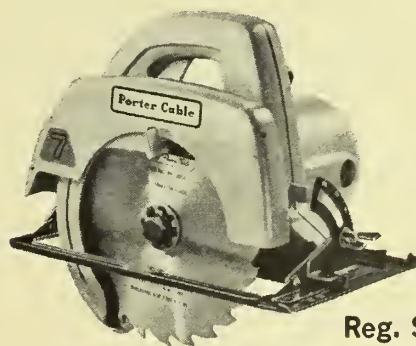


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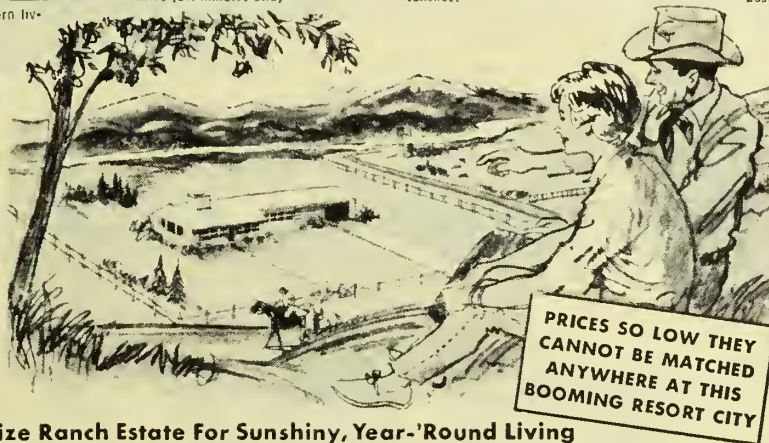
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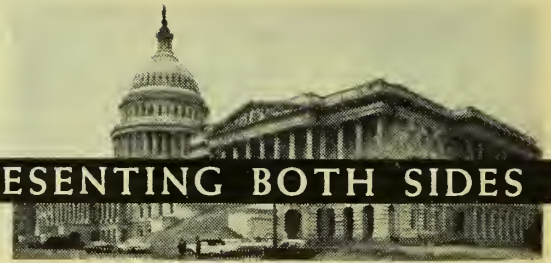
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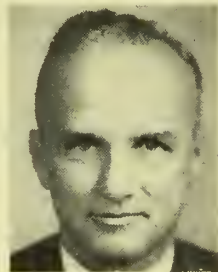


THIS MONTH'S BIG ISSUE:

Should The Electoral

PRO

Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr.
(R-N.J.) Fifth District



THE CLOSENESS of last November's Presidential election demonstrated that the present Electoral College system has important weaknesses, and might even prevent the popular election of our President. In my opinion, the President and Vice President — the only U.S. officials elected on a national basis — might well be elected in a different manner which could more closely reflect the popular vote.

Obviously the Electoral College no longer fulfills its original purposes, nor does it necessarily work in the best interests of the country. Under this system, a vote in some states has greater weight than in others. For example, Nevada with a population of about 285,000 has three electoral votes; New Jersey, with 21 times the population, has only 16 electors. Using the Nevada ratio, New Jersey should have 63 electoral votes. In other words, a vote cast in Nevada is weighed nearly four times as heavily as a vote in New Jersey.

When the party with a plurality of popular votes in a State wins all the electoral votes for that State, as is now the case, the final results usually exaggerate the strength of the winner. Actually such electoral "strength" is illusory, and provides a feeble basis for the exercise of executive leadership. Distribution of electoral votes in accordance with popular vote would eliminate the distortion which results from allotment

of state votes without regard for the relative popular strength of the parties contending.

Most proposals for electoral reform seek to reflect the popular will more accurately. To achieve this, why not have direct popular elections? Why not abolish completely the Electoral College system? Abolition of the system of Presidential electors would give the people a direct role in the allocation of electoral votes. With direct elections, neither political party would gain or lose appreciably. So the issue is not a partisan one.

Certainly some reform could be beneficial. It could focus the campaign more evenly among all the states, encourage greater uniformity in electoral practices, and eliminate the present penalty on rapidly growing states.

Electoral reform is, however, not simple and should be considered most carefully. Significant changes would involve a Constitutional amendment. The problems involved are many and complex and require careful consideration and study. It is for that reason that I have introduced legislation to establish a Joint Commission, formed on a bipartisan basis from the House of Representatives and the Senate, with several members also appointed by the President. It would consider carefully all proposals for a more direct election, and then present recommendations to Congress and the President. Such a Commission could explore this whole question, and determine how best to guarantee that the President will be elected by a true reflection of the majority will.

Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr.

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this big issue, tear out the "ballot" on the facing page and mail it to him----->

THE BIG ISSUES

College Be Abolished?

CON

Rep. Perkins Bass (R-N.H.)
Second District



THE STRONGEST argument against doing away with the Electoral College system of naming a President and Vice President is that such a move flies directly in face of the spirit of the Constitution and the intentions of the wise men who framed it.

Their clear intention was to preserve a balance in our great democracy, not just between individuals on a majority basis, but between the small states and large states. The principle behind the Electoral College is the same principle which gave each state two Senators, regardless of area and population.

While it is unsound to resist change purely for tradition's sake in this fast-moving world, the fact remains that the Electoral College has stood the test of time for nearly two centuries. The country is still here; the office of President is more powerful than ever. The contention that a future President who failed to receive a majority of the popular vote would lack public support is nonsense. It didn't happen with Hayes in 1876; and it didn't happen with Harrison in 1888.

Those who agitate for abolition of the Electoral College claim that voters' rights in big cities are being abridged because the vote of the lightly-populated areas carries proportionately more weight, electorally.

What would be the upshot, however, if the President were to be elected by a straight popular vote? The can-

didates would spend nearly all their campaigning time in the big cities where the election would really be decided.

Far worse, the successful candidate, looking toward re-election, would be constantly tempted to play up to the big-city vote during his term of office, with obvious detriment to the nation as a whole.

Elimination of the Electors, and substitution of the direct vote for President, might also result in reducing state controls. Such action would subvert the intent of the authors of the Constitution to prevent dictation over Presidential selection by the most populous states. The Electoral College system, in truth, was an integral part of the compromise among our Founding Fathers which made the Constitution possible.

Proponents of change offer two other so-called "reform" systems: (1) permitting Electors to cast individual votes and elect the President by a majority vote; (2) dividing the Electoral votes among the Presidential candidates in proportion to the popular vote in the State.

Both of these proposals would encourage creation of splinter political groups and endanger our two-party system, which over the years has served to strengthen the unity of our Nation.

The fact is that new systems would bring new problems. On the other hand, the Electoral College has worked — and worked well.

Perkins Bass

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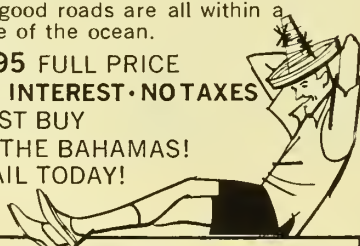
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Quite often the Charter of the United Nations is the subject of sharp questioning. Doesn't the Charter say specifically that the U.N. is dedicated to "fundamental human rights" and the "dignity of the human person"? So why all the silence, years of it, since the communist blood bath in Hungary? Readers also ask how come the U.N. has an army warring in the Congo even though the Charter specifically says the U.N. won't meddle in the internal affairs of any nation.

From the many questions we get concerning the decisions of the Supreme Court, it is obvious that this august body is an enigma to many. They just don't understand how almost simultaneous decisions inhibited the saying of prayers in schools and relaxed still further the law as it pertains to pornography. And there is no end of questions asking why Supreme Court decisions so consistently favor communists.

Currently we are getting questions concerning our national anthem, patriotic songs, documents, etc. In view of rulings concerning their references to God, will these be played down to avoid controversy, or rewritten to delete references to the Almighty?

There are many questions, too, concerning the vast market in smut, the rise in crime, etc. The questions in this category might come under the general heading: "Whatever became of the Ten Commandments?"

So there you have a few of the things that are bothering the American people. And most of the questions are put with overtones of still another question: "What the hell is going on anyway?"

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into your community, since it shows not only how communism came about but how it has managed to enslave hundreds of millions, with the United States as the ultimate target.

In past years, producers made a few films dealing with communism, but these were presented as entertainment rather than as documentaries. Few if any had much impact and they did little to inform Americans about the true nature of the red menace. More such films must and should be made, but they won't be if people show no interest in this vital subject. So it's up to you. See that your neighborhood theater features "We'll Bury You" and get your Post to organize theater parties to see this excellent presentation. Make a special effort to get student groups to see it. They need this kind of visual education.

GOING OUR WAY?

EARLIER THIS YEAR, Adlai Stevenson made a speech plugging the United Nations, in which, referring to the new nations, he said:

"They are going our way."

What way is that?

In Ghana, the dictator Nkrumah, after a purge of his opposition, has proclaimed himself "Messiah."

In Algeria, the country is torn by civil war and the people face starvation.

In the Congo, atrocities have been committed, and U.N. troops have participated in some of the worst of them.

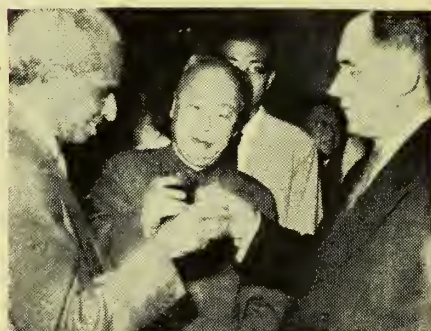
In Laos, the troika-style government is unable or unwilling to halt communist penetration of neighboring South Vietnam.

Indonesia, with a pro-Soviet government, landed paratroopers in Dutch New Guinea to back up its blackmailing demands for that country. The U.N. did nothing to stop Sukarno's aggression.

And so on.

Is this "our way" they are going?

BAD PUBLICITY



PROPAGANDISTS FOR FOREIGN AID MUST have been embarrassed when the above photograph of India's Krishna Menon, Red China's Chen Yi, and Red Russia's Andrei Gromyko appeared in print just when an angry Congress was debating demands for still another whopping multi-billion-dollar foreign aid program. Making it even tougher, at about the time this comradely picture appeared, Nehru announced that India was dickering with Soviet Russia for a large fleet of red-built MIG fighter planes. The inevitable question: "Is this how Nehru and Menon are using some of the \$2,000,000,000 we have given them?"

BRIEFLY ABOUT BOOKS

Kill or Get Killed, by Col. Rex Applegate. STACKPOLE CO., \$3.95. With mobs threatening the peace at home and abroad, this book telling of riot control techniques, manhandling and close combat, has special significance, particularly for the police and military.

The Naked Rise of Communism, by Frank Kluckhohn. MONARCH BOOKS, 75¢. Pulling no punches, this tells of the titanic struggle between democracy and communism, with a question-and-answer section that is highly informative.

The Red Carpet: Socialism—the Royal Road to Communism, by Ezra Taft Benson. BOOK-CRAFT, INC., \$3.50. A former Cabinet member sounds a warning concerning the path we seem to be taking.

The Story of the Law, by Rene A. Wormser. SIMON & SCHUSTER, \$7.50. Starting with the Ten Commandments, the author tells how laws are made and how they represent man's search for justice.

Pennant Race, by Jim Brosnan. HARPER & BROS., \$3.95. Remarkable among baseball books, this one was not ghostwritten but created by a big league ballplayer. Brosnan, star relief pitcher for the champion Cincinnati Reds, tells how the '61 Reds confounded the experts to win the pennant.

The Million Dollar Band, by Harold B. Bachman. EDUCATIONAL MUSIC BUREAU, INC., \$2.50. The story of the band of the 116th Regiment of Engineers, 41st (Sunset) Division, AEF, and the professional concert band which succeeded it.

Cuba Betrayed, by Fulgencio Batista. VANTAGE, \$3.95. The Cuban dictator tells his side of the story.

The New England Image, by Samuel Chamberlain. HASTINGS HOUSE, \$12.95. The charm of New England's villages and towns, presented primarily in photographs.

Living in Florida Year Round. YEAR ROUND PUBLISHING CO., \$2.00. A truthful picture of the pleasures and problems of living in Florida.

Communism in the Modern World, by Roy Caldwell. DORRANCE & CO., \$4.95. Manifestations of the world struggle and how it affects you personally.

The Space Industry, by the Editors of *Fortune*. PRENTICE-HALL, \$4.95. The race for supremacy in space is responsible for new industrial giants in America. This tells who they are, how they operate.



Bell System instructor George Templeton, left, discusses maintenance problems of a teletypewriter printing unit with Henry A. Louz of Surinam, who has come to this country to receive advanced communications training.

Sharing our communications knowledge with new friends from other lands

Henry Albert Louz, shown at right in the picture above, is a communications technician from Paramaribo, Surinam (Dutch Guiana).

Mr. Louz is one of approximately 150 foreign nationals from two dozen different countries receiving technical training from the Bell Telephone System this year. The Bell System and a number of other American firms are cooperating with the State Department and the Agency for International Development in providing training to help these and other nations build their economies. Liaison agency for the telephone industry is the Federal Communications Commission.

When Henry Louz's six months' course is over, he will return to his native land in South America to apply the latest in modern technology to problems in his field.

Henry is at the telephone school in Topeka, Kansas, studying all phases of teletypewriter service—the transmission of written information from point to point or via a network. It is training he could not get at home, and he is getting it side by side with Bell System employees.

At the same time he is also learning about the American way of life. Through his new friends in Topeka he is meeting people, visiting their homes, seeing factories, museums, sports events. We hope he will return to Surinam with much more than a postgraduate course in communications.

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WHY WORRY?

SIR: I don't see why everyone is so concerned over the arrival of a convoy of Iron Curtain ships in Cuba. Our President put this in its proper perspective when he said the matter was being examined. Obviously something as important as this should be thoroughly examined, even if it takes years. However, I think I can safely predict that when our State Department finishes its examination we will be assured that, as usual, there is nothing to worry about. Russian soldiers in Cuba? Poppycock! Those are members of the Bolshoi Ballet walking around in costumes they wear on stage. Military hardware for missile bases? Preposterous! Those are just stage props. To repeat, all is serene in Cuba and if we will just stop fretting and do nothing to make Castro angry, the whole thing will blow over in time. Then we, with the assistance of *The New York Times*, can help some other agrarian reformer to power.

JOHN MASTERS
Hazleton, Pa.

WANTS INSURANCE

SIR: I was surprised to see where a few congressmen decided to defer action on the bill to extend for one year the National Life Insurance Plan for Veterans of World War II. Newspaper reports and your magazine indicated that it was certain to pass both houses and be signed into law in July of 1962. Apparently, everyone underestimated the power of a minority group, namely the large Texas insurance companies. Evidently, Congress listens to only those persons who have enough get-up-and-go to contact them. I would like to recommend that all veterans of WWII send their congressmen a postcard recommending passage of the National Life Insurance Bill as is.

ROBERT T. PAYETTE
Webster, Wis.

SIR: I believe every Legionnaire and every patriotic organization should work tirelessly for the defeat of Olin E. Teague, Democrat of Texas, and William H. Ayres, Republican of Ohio. These two patriotic souls were chiefly responsible for the defeat of the bill which would allow WWII veterans and Korean War veterans to re-instate their GI insurance. Many of us weren't able to keep our GI insurance (the full amount) when we were in school, etc. Just when we could afford it, Congress snapped it away from us. Remember, veterans from Texas and Ohio, vote against Congressmen Teague and Ayres.

J. A. FARLEY
San Rafael, Calif.

IT STIKKKS

SIR: The article by Herm Hines, "Miracles by Mail," in the September issue, is very amusing, but I would like to describe my experience with "Stikkk." Although the glue I used was not called "Stikkk," the ad did say that one drop would lift two tons, so I sent off my 98¢. I had a reason. About



30 years ago my Post presented me with a Legion ring after I had completed my term as Commander. The set was an oblong black onyx on which was mounted the Legion emblem. Two years ago the set dropped off, and I mailed ring and set to the Legion Emblem Division asking that they put the set back on. Back came the reply that the bezel was too worn to hold the set, and could not be rebuilt. I told my jeweler that I proposed to glue the set back on. He merely laughed and said it would not work. When the "two-ton" glue arrived it was in two tubes. I mixed them as per instructions, and with a toothpick placed a thin line of the mixture around the worn bezel and pressed the set firmly on it. To this day the ring appears permanently repaired. I have since repaired many small items with this "two-ton" glue with good results.

CHESTER D. ROWTON
Nevada, Mo.

BALONEY

SIR: I have been reading about how the communists cut away at their opponents. This they call "salami tactics." We seem to have something like it in this country, practiced by our great statesmen in the State Department — "baloney tactics." Those fellows really start slicing it when we lose another country to the communists, and try to make it seem that we have won another great victory. But it looks and smells just like baloney. When do we get rid of these diplomatic butchers?

CHESTER M. NANGEL
Pittston, Pa.

WHY APOLOGIZE?

SIR: Apologize for what? On the 4th of September this year, one of our aircraft was intercepted while on an accidental flight over the Sakhalin Island. The Island is supposedly Soviet territory. Party boss Khrushchev got mad about the incident. We, the U.S.A., apologized. But what is the big fuss about? First of all, the Sakhalin

Island rightfully belongs to Japan. It was treacherously taken over by Russia on the last few days of WWII, when Japan was more than half-dead and had given up the fight. But we don't want to argue about this hyena-like action. Give Sakhalin Island back to Japan and there won't be any more of these so-called "aggressive violations" of the territory in question. The point is that the Russians, like all communists, are constantly confusing the cause and result. Their sneaky preparations for world domination make it necessary to keep all free as well as all neutral nations on the lookout for a fatal surprise. As soon as the comrades change their doctrines and their attitude towards other nations, the watch over them will become superfluous and the "Golden Age" will follow.

ERWIN L. JAMES
APO New York, N.Y.

DOPE

SIR: Rodney Gilbert's article "The Price We Pay for Dope," appearing in the September issue was most timely, enlightening and interesting. Let us hope that our jurists will read it. It would greatly influence them to finally realize that the *only* way to lower the sale of narcotics by dope peddlers is to "throw the book" at these fiendish purveyors of "powdered evil" by meting out stiff prison terms to them whenever they are brought into their respective courts.

CHARLES CLEMENT HAIMO
New York, N.Y.

SIR: "The Price We Pay for Dope" is a real contribution to awakening the apathetic public to one of the worst situations our country has ever faced. But there are many other costs not calculated in the fine article. It dealt only with the 46,798 active users of heroin, morphine, etc. Who can count the number addicted to barbiturates, tranquilizers and other so-called sleeping pills? It is to be hoped that your article will really make the reader realize the awful truth: "The average addict does NOT want to be cured." Far too much sympathy has been wasted on addicts already.

E. M. MURRY
Columbus, Ohio

SIR: Rodney Gilbert's "The Price We Pay For Dope" should warn your readers how expensive, corrupted, and what a menace dope addicts are to our society. My mother nursed for two years at the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas, and she stated that dope addicts would do anything, including seriously injuring themselves, to persuade doctors or nurses to give them a shot of dope. I am sure jail terms would cure dope addicts more permanently than hospitals.

CAROLYN COMER
Austin, Texas

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INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP YOU WITH EVERYDAY PROBLEMS

You can make a **respectable addition to your formal education this winter simply by dialing in the right TV shows.** From some of the world's finest teachers, you can pick up the latest in languages, physics, government, economics, etc. As a matter of fact, you even can get **academic credit** for your TV viewing if you take some extra pains and expense.

Three such bigtime educational features are in progress right now on nationwide TV hookups—"The American Economy" (CBS), "American Government" (NBC), and "Atomic Age of Physics" (NBC). Locally, you probably can find additional programs, often in the language field.

Here's how the TV classrooms work:

- The sessions run through the fall-to-spring season five days a week, making a total of around 160 "lessons."
- The simplest form of "attendance" is to watch the programs.
- A more sophisticated approach is to buy a **study guide**, which contains reference material, and a **recommended textbook**. Cost is about \$10.
- The most professional approach is to **enroll in a college simultaneously and take the course for credit.** This involves 1) tuition fees, and 2) some campus attendance or correspondence-school work. Depending on the college, your fee will be all the way from a few dollars to well over \$100.

Your local station or radio-TV editor should have the details.

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Like their indoor predecessors, **water-based paints for outdoor application are in a tremendous boom.** All the major paint manufacturers (plus the mail-order houses) now market them, predicting that the newcomers will tie—or beat—oil paints in three or four years.

Big selling point, of course, is that any amateur can slap on water-based paints with a brush, roller, or air-foam applicator without ruining the job. They're hailed as blister-proof (because they "breathe"). They're not supposed to chalk or fade and are credited with a long life.

Secret of the new outdoor paints is a chemical family called acrylates. This is an exceptionally tough tribe, currently also appearing:

- **In cars.** The Big Three motormakers this year are using acrylic lacquers or enamels for trouble-free coatings.
- **In appliances.** Acrylic enamels are beginning to replace porcelain in some lines; they're cheaper, can be patched readily.

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Two new words you're going to hear a lot about in the future are "laser" and "maser."

Maser stands for Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Laser is the same thing, except that you substitute "light" for "microwave."

What it all boils down to is that **scientists have been able to create and channel the most intense radiant energy known to man into heat and light "beams."** This fantastic power now can be squirted around from gun-type instruments for use in:

Medical work (operations), welding, communications, metalworking—you name it. The field looks endless.

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Government health authorities figure **this is the winter when Asian (A-2) flu is due to strike again.** It's the over-45 group that succumbs most readily, hence is advised to get shots (two the first time; one for those who have had prior protection).

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Note the push by doctors, insurance companies, and state legislators to get **cheaper medical-hospital insurance for people over 65 rolling.** Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts have paved the way for insurance pools to bring risks down. California and Mississippi are making similar moves.

In New York, the new plan (operated on a tax-exempt, nonprofit basis by a combine of seven companies) costs \$10 a month for limited hospitalization and \$19 for broader coverage. That's figured as a saving of 10% to 20% over older plans.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

MEN PAST 40

Afflicted With Getting Up Nights, Pains in Back, Hips, Legs, Nervousness, Tiredness.

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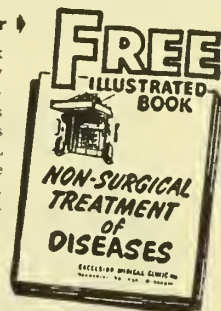
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TURMOIL IN LATIN AMERICA

and what is behind it.

By **EDWARD TOMLINSON**

IN 40 YEARS of close contact with the 20 republics of Latin America, I have never known a time when so many of them were as politically disturbed, their economies more precarious, or our relations with them as clouded.

I made my first trip to the South American continent in 1923, traveling through Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. At that time, all three countries had popular constitutionally elected governments. They were prosperous. Their commerce with the United States and

Europe was flourishing and their first industries were being developed. Foreign, especially United States capital, was welcomed with open arms. Their populations were burgeoning with German, Italian and other immigrants, eager to find jobs and work hard. Chile, Colombia and several other countries also had stable, democratic governments and revolutions were confined principally to the smaller republics of Central America, and Mexico.

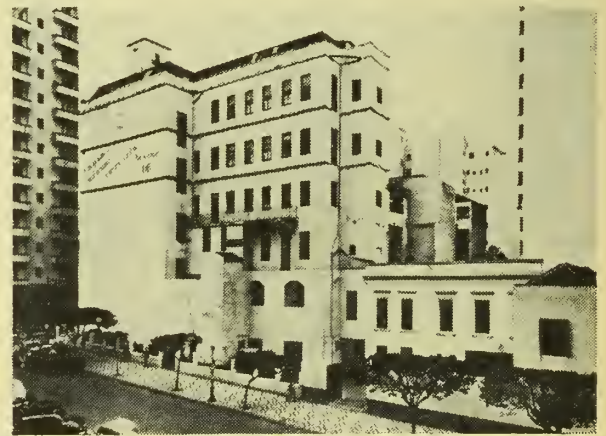
Today, Argentina and Brazil are in political turmoil. Extremists in each — Peronists in Argentina and leftists in

Brazil — are desperately battling for power. Both have run up astronomical debts. Inflation has depleted their currencies and total bankruptcy haunts them continually. Argentina's agricultural production is at a standstill. Brazil is glutted with coffee, with prices continually falling. Little Uruguay is deficit ridden, and her government mired in petty politics. The majority of the other countries are burdened with similar problems and some of them are even more confused politically.

The present trend began in 1930, as the great depression got under way.



The utmost cordiality marked the meetings between President Kennedy and President Goulart of Brazil in Washington last April.



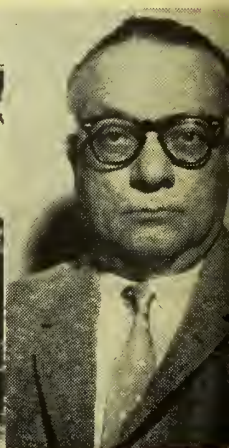
Shortly before they met, Goulart's brother-in-law, Gov. Leonel Brizzola, above left, of Rio Grande do Sul, had seized American property worth millions. International Telephone and Telegraph offices, shown here, were expropriated.



Richard Goodwin who advised the President on Latin America.



Venezuela under Betancourt, right, is held up as a showcase of democracy where U.S. money is doing good. Actually, the badly run country is being torn apart by troublemakers who are usually reds. The action above took place in June.

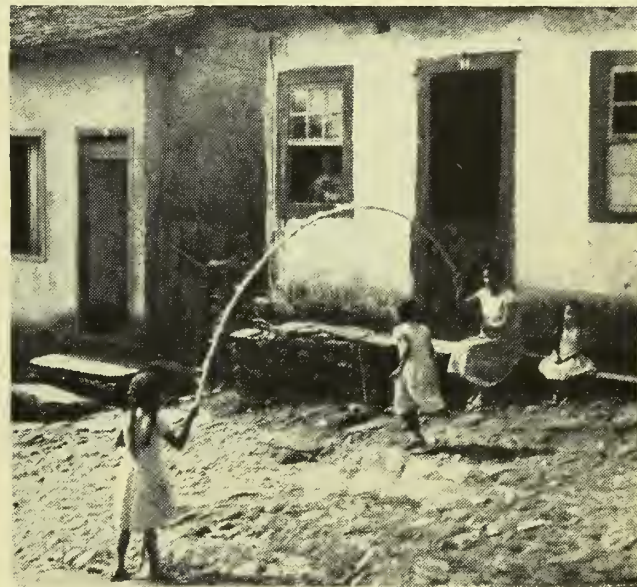




and write their names. Large numbers of their Indian populations do not even speak or understand the official national languages. Under such circumstances, there is no such thing as an informed public opinion, a prerequisite for self-rule anywhere.

The powerful aristocratic classes continue to insist upon the very same political and social systems that existed a century ago. It is hard for most North Americans to understand how totally different in background, training and outlook many of our neighbors really are.

The early settlers of the United States came here primarily to get away from the authoritarian despotisms of the Old World. They came



Heart of the problem is dramatized by these two views of Sao Paulo, Brazil. On the one hand there is great wealth, on the other abject poverty. Foreign aid money seems to end up doing little for the poor.

Trade and investments slowed to a trickle and revolution began sweeping southward. In that year I covered four revolutions — in Bolivia, Peru, Argentina and Brazil — in a single trip around the continent.

Much of the time since then, especially since World War II, revolutions and dictatorships have monopolized the headlines. Only Mexico has escaped an unconstitutional change of regime. The republic next door boasts the oldest elected government in all Latin America and its economy and currency have become the most stable.

Most of the other countries have been continually torn by political strife. Their trade with the balance of the world, and especially with the United States, has been steadily plunging, in some cases to record lows. Our exports to them are and have been decreasing. In the first five months of 1962, these Latin American countries bought only \$1,375,000,000 worth of our products, while Canada alone bought more than \$1,700,000,000. Yet Canada's population of 14 million is only a little more than half that of Argentina alone.

Some of the more recent revolutions

have come about because of new and dangerous ideologies. And some of the resulting dictatorships are imbued with these same ideologies. Revolutions used to be primarily domestic affairs, purely political and not for export. This is no longer true. Today's revolutions are often social, economic and even cultural. Some of them are headed by extremists of the left rather than the right, who have become international menaces. The rise of Fidel Castro in Cuba has shocked most people into a realization that the Americas are not immune from communism.

This political and economic disintegration in Latin America is likely to continue for sometime, with basic and historic reasons for most of the political instability. The appalling illiteracy in these Latin American republics, their poverty ridden masses, along with the reactionary mentality and often unmitigated selfishness of a large element of their ruling classes, make them open sesame for troublemakers of every stripe. In Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Brazil and others, at least 45 percent and in some cases as high as 80 percent of the people are unable to read

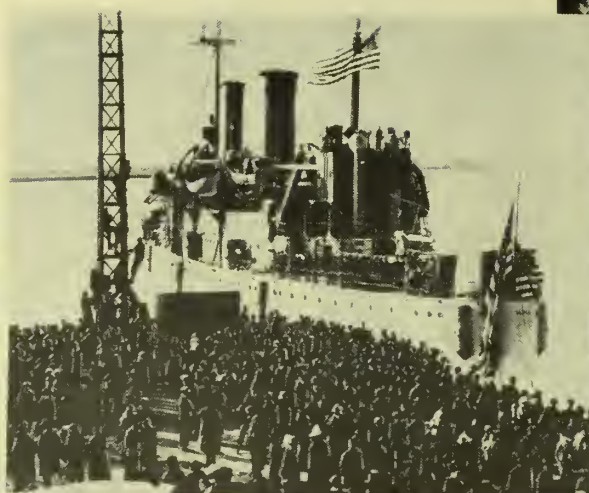
of their own volition to establish a completely new life, to enjoy a new freedom, to be able to worship their Maker as they wished. They were individualists and nonconformists. Consequently, they began at once to practice and to develop free enterprise and popular self-government.

The Spaniards and Portuguese who conquered and settled most of Latin America not only lived under the most despotic regimes of their time, but the settlers they sent to the Americas were not free agents. They were bureaucratic servants of the all-powerful monarchies. They came to plant in each of the southern colonies the very same systems and institutions that existed at home. Oftentimes, the few members of these groups who collected the loot and kept the records were the only ones who could read and write. Even the church, at that time a vital arm of authority in the Spanish and Portuguese empires, came along to see that everyone conformed to all of the religious tenets of the motherlands. After independence, the very same upper class families continued to rule the fledgling republics, and today still team

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The Unknown on the fantail of the Olympia, October 25, 1921. Capt. Erskine headed the Marine Guard.



The ship getting under way from Le Havre. The coffin was obscured by the flags lining the fantail.



At the height of the storm, green water tore at the coffin and the Marine guard lashed to a stanchion.

THE RETURN OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

For a time it seemed as though the storm-tossed ship carrying the Unknown Soldier was going to the bottom.

By DEWITT NICHOLSON

THE YEAR WAS 1921 when Marine Capt. Graves B. Erskine was ordered to escort the corpse of America's Unknown Soldier from France to the United States.

Erskine was a twice-wounded veteran of the fighting at Bouresches, Belleau Wood, Soissons, and Saint-Mihiel. In mid-September, 1921, he reported to Norfolk, Va., after a leave from the rifle company he commanded during the guerrilla warfare in Haiti. Col. "Wild Bill" McKelvey, who commanded the Norfolk Marine Barracks, sent for him.

"How'd you like to go to sea?" McKelvey asked, twitching his ample mustache.

"I wouldn't, sir," answered Erskine. "I want to get back to my company in Haiti."

"You've got another job to do before you return to the tropics. You're going on a special voyage, and I envy you the trip. The chore is to form a 40-man Marine Guard for duty aboard the U.S.S. Olympia. You'll sail within 48 hours. Your mission will be to safeguard the

body of America's Unknown Soldier, and to get it back to Washington before Armistice Day."

Erskine picked the members of his Guard from marines on duty in Norfolk. Once formed, the unit went by truck to Hampton Roads and by small boat to the U.S.S. Olympia which was anchored out in the stream.

The U.S.S. Olympia was Admiral Dewey's famous flagship at the Battle of Manila Bay in 1898. She had been retired from active service, but was recalled and reconditioned for this unique voyage. The old ship was selected for the honor because of her special place in the affection of the American people.

On October 3 the U.S.S. Olympia, having coaled at Newport, R.I., got underway for Plymouth, England with Capt. Henry L. Wyman as her commanding officer. During the crossing the full fury of the treacherous North Atlantic was not unleashed on the little ship, but the U.S.S. Olympia was tossed about in a mild preview of the horror she would encounter on her return voyage.

Arriving safely at Plymouth, the U.S.S. Olympia sailed for Le Havre on October 22.

On that same day an unusual drama was unfolding in France. Three quartermaster officers and one infantry officer were sent under sealed orders to each of four American military cemeteries near famous World War I battlegrounds in France. These were at Belleau Wood, where the remains of heroes who fell in the fighting there were buried; Bony, site of the graves of many who were killed in the Battle of the Somme; Thiaucourt, a town in the Meurthe-and-Moselle area; and Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, where the dead of Argonne Forest battles were interred.

When the secret orders were opened by the officers at their destination, they directed that the body of an Unknown Soldier be selected. It was stipulated that one body be exhumed from each cemetery. Unknowns were to be identified by number only, and each set of sealed orders contained a number that had been selected at random for this purpose. Alternate numbers were provided for use in the event that any disinterred body contained even the slightest identi-

fication. In such a case, the identified body would be reburied and a second Unknown selected.

Once the unidentified remains were excavated, all records of their numbers, the plots from which they were removed, and the cemeteries from which they came were destroyed.

As the *U.S.S. Olympia* wended her way across the Channel, the four flag-draped caskets were taken to the Hotel de Ville at Chalons-sur-Marne. The departure of the guard of honor that escorted each remains from its cemetery was timed so that all would reach Chalons at 3 p.m. the following day. The four coffins from which the historic choice was to be made were placed side by side in the Hotel de Ville. Each casket was

known Soldier will be designated."

Sgt. Edward F. Younger, the man who was to select the Unknown Soldier, said he awoke on October 24: "to find a bright, glorious morning, almost with a note of resurrection in it." Sgt. Younger was a Chicago orphan who had joined the Regular Army in February, 1917, when he was 18 years old. He fought at Chateau-Thierry, and was wounded at Vaux and again in the Saint-Mihiel drive.

Younger was overwhelmed. He said: "I had gone over the top many times, had known the agony of waiting for the charge. But nothing had paralyzed me as did that simple announcement made by Major Harbold."

The Sergeant remembers sensing a moment of supreme drama. It was, he

reported, the most intense sensation of his whole life.

An officer handed him a bouquet of roses and said: "Sergeant Younger, you will proceed alone into the chapel, make your selection of the Unknown Soldier and deposit these flowers upon his casket."

Younger took the flowers and walked through a line of French soldiers. He entered the door. It was dim inside. For a moment he hesitated. He said a prayer. Then he looked around him.

"That scene will remain with me forever," he said. "Each casket was draped with a beautiful American flag. I began a slow march around the caskets. Which should it be? Thoughts poured like tor-

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Sailors and marines about to turn the Unknown over to the Army at the Washington Navy Base, November 9.



Two days later the Unknown Soldier's coffin was drawn in this procession toward Arlington National Cemetery.

put on the packing case in which it had been shipped.

The shipping forms for these crates were the only remaining records of the four bodies. An officer stood by to witness the burning of these, as another put them to the torch.

In order to achieve final and absolute anonymity for the Unknowns, soldiers of the French and American honor guard were instructed to enter the Hotel de Ville during the night and to change the relative positions of the coffins. They were shifted from one position to another until no one knew the original location of any of the caskets.

While the Unknowns were being placed in the Hotel de Ville, a Major Harbold assembled six veteran army-men. He said: "Tomorrow morning one of you will choose the body of the Unknown Soldier. You six will act as pallbearers until the casket is received by the Navy for escort to America."

When the soldiers reported to Harbold the following morning, the major said: "Men, the decision has been made. Younger will have the honor of placing a bouquet of roses on the casket which he will choose from the four assembled here, and by that act America's Un-



At Arlington, a grateful Nation paid tribute to the soldier "... known but to God."

STANLEY L. HAKE was in his early thirties, happily married, with a comfortable home and a satisfying career as a geophysicist in the Texas oil fields. Recently, he and his wife had fulfilled a dream: they had adopted a baby boy. Life was complete for them. The future looked secure.

What could possibly go wrong to becloud this picture of serenity? Certainly when the Hakes left their Midland, Texas home on a sunny October morning three years ago, none of them was aware that tragedy loomed on the horizon.

The trip began so joyfully. The Hakes were taking Steven Lee, their new three-year-old son, to visit relatives in Illinois. It was a happy visit, with bright, alert, brown-eyed Steven the center of attention everywhere. The Hakes were proud of him.

On the way home, the Hakes stopped off in Oklahoma City to visit their best friends, the Duane McKinnons. The two couples had been friends since college days and shared mutual interests in music, painting, business and general philosophy of life. Oklahoma City and Midland were not too far apart, and the families visited back and forth often. The McKinnons had no children and adored Steven.

When the Hakes left, they made plans for the McKinnons to spend the following week-end with them in Midland . . . but the plans were not carried through. The Hakes never reached home. Near Marlowe, Oklahoma, they were in an automobile crash, and Steven's parents were killed outright. The boy was critically injured, and remained unconscious for eight days with a fractured skull and jaw.

During those eight crucial days, the McKinnons flew Steven to a hospital in Oklahoma City where leading neurosurgeons treated him. This special care saved him. When he finally emerged from his coma, Steven first saw the familiar face of someone he knew well and trusted—Mrs. McKinnon. She had stayed by his bedside patiently, day after day, waiting for the moment when he would at last open his eyes.

"I will never forget that day," she said later, "I went home and had a long talk with my husband. We decided we just had to keep him, we knew it was what the Hakes would have wanted. We had been so close."

At a hearing in the children's court, the judge agreed. The McKinnons were awarded custody of Steven and were authorized to proceed with adoption plans.

The story should have ended there. But Mr. Hake's family, who had shown relatively little interest in Steven during the time when he hovered near death in the hospital and later during his long

Your Children Need

It is customary for a person to make a will to dispose of his possessions in case of death, but few people take steps to make sure that their children will be properly raised.

recuperative months, suddenly decided to take a hand in arranging his future. The Hakes wanted to take Steven to Illinois to live with an aunt he hardly knew.

The Hakes appealed the court's decision. During an emotionally debilitating hearing before the district court in Oklahoma City, a psychiatrist testified that it would be a traumatic experience for such a young child to be taken away from his new mother.

"He looks on Mrs. McKinnon as a mother who has nurtured him and protected him and bestowed her love on him," Dr. Harold Binder said. "Taking him away from his present security would be emotionally damaging."

Under Oklahoma law, relatives within the fourth degree are—under ordinary circumstances—entitled to the custody and guardianship of a child. However, if relatives fail to show any interest in the welfare of the child, the court considers others who are interested and concerned. As Judge Homer Smith of the Children's Court said, "The ultimate question is 'What is to the best interest of the child?'"

Eventually, after prolonged recriminations and debate, the judgment of the Children's Court was upheld. The way was paved for the McKinnons to adopt Steven.

Tragic as the loss of Steven's parents was, the aftermath of the tragedy—the appeal, lawsuit, months and years of uncertainty about the child's future, tensions of the hearings, to say nothing of the considerable court costs and legal fees—could have been avoided, if only the Hakes had taken the precaution of naming guardians for their son.

Youthful, healthy, with plans for a full lifetime ahead of them, the necessity of planning ahead probably never occurred to Stanley Hake and his wife. It seemed unlikely that disaster could strike them both at once.

And yet, in this age of fast, frequent, and often dangerous travel, double and often multiple disasters within a family have become more and more common. Headlines about air, boat and car accidents in which both parents in a family are killed have become distressingly familiar. In a recent chartered airline crash in France, 122 passengers from Georgia were killed, leaving behind 31 children under 14 years of age.

For this reason, it is imperative for parents to make arrangements for guardians for their children. It is not morbid, as young parents often think, to prepare realistically for possible eventualities. A simple clause added to the Hakes' will would have prevented a court struggle and the possible dislocation of a young life for a second time. One children's court judge calls this addition to the will a "just-in-case-clause." It is an unfortunate fact that parents of young children are the people least inclined to make wills or appoint guardians.

Making a will is not enough. The will merely specifies the distribution of your estate. It takes care of your family's material needs. But the spiritual, moral and educational needs of growing children are as important as their material needs.

Every parent has aspirations for his children. Planning for the attainment of these hopes insofar as possible is a responsibility each parent should face. The surest way of doing this is to give careful consideration to the people, whether relatives or friends, who are most qualified, willing and able to fulfill parental wishes.

The technical aspect of appointing a guardian is not difficult. It usually requires adding a mere clause to your will. But many parents are psychologically unable to face the fact that they might not be around when their children need them most. They block such an unpleasant thought from their minds. If they could be made aware of the complica-

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a Second Set of Parents by PATRICIA K. BROOKS



tions that can arise through neglect of this important matter, it might help them over that psychological hurdle.

The pages of probate court history are filled with conflicts over the guardianship of children. When the parents have not made their wishes known, the choice of a guardian rests with the local probate or orphans' court. (In some states this is known as the surrogate's or the children's court.) Divisive intra-family quarrels often result.

For example, in Norwalk, Connecticut, recently, an exhaustive and bitter court battle took place over a young girl whose deceased parents had left no instructions for her care. Her elderly grandmother wanted to take her, but other family members objected. The grandmother had been married four times, and it was argued that she would not be a wholesome influence on an adolescent girl.

The probate court finally decided to appoint an aunt as guardian, but by the time the case was over, there was such a residue of enmity between the grandmother's faction and the aunt's, that it will be years before it subsides, if ever.

By putting their wishes into writing, the girl's parents might have prevented such costly wrangling. More important, the child would have been placed with a family selected by her parents rather than by the court. Fair and impartial as a children's court usually is, it is not in a position to know the subtleties of relationships within a family. It is not equipped to do the job that parents can best do themselves.

To plan for your children's future without you, the first step is to overcome the psychological barrier. Years ago, life insurance salesmen had a hard time convincing people to prepare realistically for the future. But nowadays most heads of families are conditioned to buying life insurance as a protection for their family. *Naming a guardian for your children is simply an extension of the same idea—protecting their future.*

The second step is to decide on the types of protection for your young ones. There are two different types of guardians to consider: the guardian of the child's person and the guardian of his property. Often the responsibilities of person and property can be shared by one individual. If the estate is small, consisting only of a bank account and/

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Will those who succeed you give your children the love and care they require?

BRIDGE QUIZ

What do you bid on each of the following hands? Don't look now but you will find the answers to this quiz on the following page.

(1) Your side is not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents and you are the dealer. Your hand is:

♠ Q J 9 8 7 5 2
♥ 7
♦ 9 4 3
♣ Q 5

(2) Neither side is vulnerable and you are the dealer. Your hand is:

♠ A Q J 9 8 7 5 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 7 3
♣ J

(3) Both sides are vulnerable and you are the dealer. Your hand is:

♠ 3
♥ A K Q J 9 7 4
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 4

(4) Neither side is vulnerable and your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. Your hand is:

♠ K Q J 9 8 6 4
♥ Q 8
♦ 3
♣ 5 4 2

(5) Neither side is vulnerable and your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. Your hand is:

♠ 9 7
♥ 7 2
♦ 6
♣ A Q J 10 9 5 4 3

(6) Your side is vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents. Your partner opens the bidding with one heart and the next hand passes. Your hand is:

♠ 7
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ 9 4
♣ K Q 8 6 5

(7) Both sides are vulnerable. Your partner opens the bidding with one club and the next hand passes. Your hand is:

♠ K J 10 9 6 5 3
♥ 8 5
♦ 2
♣ 9 8 7

CONTRACT

When Three Legionnaires Needed A Fourth

By WILLIAM S. ROOT

IF YOU EVER need a fourth for Bridge, you might follow the example of three Legionnaires who solved that problem some years ago. They simply picked up the telephone and called Charles H. Goren, the most famous Bridge player in the world. Although he had to travel hundreds of miles to join the game, Mr. Goren was pleased to accept the invitation. Needless to say, the Legionnaires were pleased; you could hardly find a more impressive fourth.

But the honor was really Mr. Goren's for the three Legionnaires were: the late Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the United States; General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Commander of NATO; and a third fellow they called "Ike".

The outstanding deal of that Bridge game, according to Mr. Goren, is shown on opposite page.

President Eisenhower's opening lead was the six of spades.

It was the bidding of this hand that impressed Mr. Goren. His comment to this writer was, "Every bid that took place was with rare precision and of expert caliber. I felt as though I were playing in the finals of a National Championship."

Chief Justice Vinson's grand slam bid was the most impressive. He did not expect his partner to make seven diamonds, even though his partner was Charles Goren.

He reasoned, however, that his opponents would almost surely make their bid of six spades, and if they did it would cost him over 1400 points (750 for the slam bonus, 180 for tricks, and 500 as the approximate value of a vulnerable game). Seven diamonds doubled figured to be much less expensive. This type of bid is termed a "sacrifice."

The Chief Justice's analysis proved to be correct. His partner played the hand and managed to lose only one club, one spade, and two heart tricks for a minus score of 700 points; and the opponents could have made six spades.

On the score sheet, North and South seemed to lose 700 points on this hand,

but actually the sacrifice bid saved them over 700 points.

President Eisenhower and General Gruenther got as good a result as they possibly could by doubling seven diamonds. If they had bid seven spades, they would have been routinely set with the ace of clubs lead.

THE PAR RESULT

You might take a lesson from Chief Justice Vinson in the above deal. Your bidding objective should not necessarily be to make a profit on every deal, but rather to attain the "par" result.

Par is the best score that you can get when both you and your opponents bid and play perfectly. Your side's par on a given deal may be 1,000 points minus, or even more, and any score that costs less is a good result.

You are a winning player when you get more pars than your opponents. You exceed par only when your opponents make mistakes. However, you can throw a few stumbling blocks and help your opponents to err.

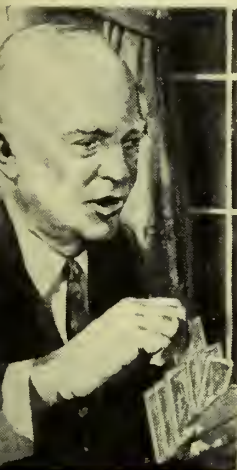
NUISANCE BIDS

In some deals, when you don't have many high cards, but do have a long and attractive suit, you should figure that your par is apt to be a sizable minus score. This is the time when your thoughts should turn to skulduggery; what can you do to interfere with your opponents' bidding and possibly cause them to make a mistake?

The answer is to put in a "nuisance bid" and deprive your opponents of bid-

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BRIDGE



(Eisenhower)
WEST
♠ K J 8 6 5
♥ Q J 10 5 2
♦ void
♣ K J 3

(Vinson)
NORTH
♠ 7 4
♥ 9 3
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 4

(Gruenther)
EAST
♠ A Q 10 9 2
♥ A K 7
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 6 2

(Goren)
SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ 8 6 4
♦ A Q J 7 4 3
♣ A 9 8



East and West were vulnerable.

The bidding went:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♦	6 ♠	7 ♦
Double	All pass		

ding space. No partnership, no matter how good, can bid as well when deprived of bidding space.

Nuisance bids, like sacrifice bids, come under the heading of "bidding to cut your losses," but nuisance bids cause your opponents to make mistakes and an expected loss may turn into an unexpected profit. You'll find good partnerships bidding wrong games and slams, bidding too high or too low, and in some cases taking a severe penalty.

Nuisance bids are more commonly called pre-emptive bids. There is a trend in modern bidding toward pre-emptive bidding in many new forms.

There are three types of pre-emptive bids that are accepted as standard by the average Bridge player:

(a) The opening pre-emptive bid—any opening suit bid at the level of three, four, or five (minor suits only at the five level).

(b) The pre-emptive jump overcall.

For example, if East has opened one spade, any suit bid of four clubs or higher by South would be pre-emptive.

(c) The pre-emptive jump response. For example, if North opened with one heart and East passed, any suit bid of three spades or higher by South would be pre-emptive.

ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

(1) THREE SPADES. Since the vulnerability is favorable, you can afford to be a desperado. If your partner has a bad hand, you may get doubled and set three or four tricks; but then your opponents could surely make a game and maybe even a slam. Your minus score may be far better than par.

(2) FOUR SPADES. If you chose to bid only three spades, you were too timid. A good gauge for deciding how high to pre-empt is to make an estimate of the number of tricks your hand can win, and if you are not vulnerable, bid three or four tricks higher than your estimate; if you are vulnerable, bid two or three tricks higher than your estimate.

(3) ONE HEART. Yes, one heart! This hand has too many high cards to pre-empt. Do not pre-empt with hands that have enough high cards to open with a one-bid.

(4) THREE SPADES. The requirements for the pre-emptive jump overcall are about the same as for the pre-emptive opening bid.

(5) FOUR CLUBS. Since clubs are lower in rank than spades, you must bid at least four clubs to indicate the pre-emptive type hand. A three-club bid would show strength under the present standard methods of bidding.

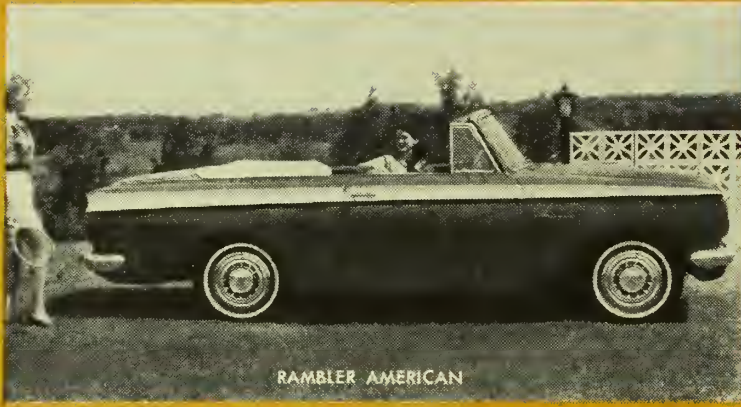
(6) FOUR HEARTS. This bid shows a hand with excellent trump support and distribution of the suits, but weak in high-card strength. The purpose of the bid is to try to shut the opponents out of the bidding. Your partner should have a good play to make four hearts and it is very possible the opponents can make a game in another suit, or possibly have a good sacrifice against your game. In either case, they will have a tough time getting their par over your four-heart bid.

(7) FOUR SPADES. Opposite an opening bid, four spades should be a good contract and, again, the opponents are apt to have a good hand between them with another suit as trump.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A NATIONAL BRIDGE COMPETITION AMONG ALL AMERICAN LEGION POSTS? Aside from winning many National Bridge Championships, Mr. Root has experience in organizing such contests. If you are interested, let Mr. Root hear from you as soon as possible.

1963

Manufacturers believe you will be seeing almost 7,000,000 of these models, so here is your chance to make their early acquaintance.



RAMBLER AMERICAN



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RAMBLER AMBASSADOR

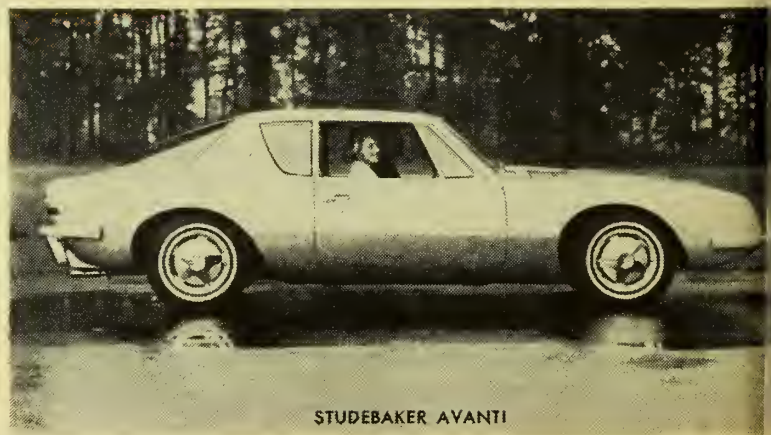
The automobile industry in 1955 turned out 7,950,377 passenger cars, a record never before attained and one which has not been approached since. Even the most enthusiastic of Detroit's soothsayers do not believe that the 1955 record will be surpassed in 1963, but some of them are hopefully predicting that next year will be runner-up, with approximately 7,000,000 passenger cars produced.

With the exception of the Chrysler line, few radical styling changes have been made. In the case of Chrysler, the fins and the sculptured bodies of past years have been replaced by clean, simple lines. One result is that the cars look longer and lower. Incidentally, Chrysler is dropping the Lancer, the Dodge compact, and in its stead is offering a "super compact," the Dodge Dart. The Valiant is now the sole "compact" in the line and for 1963 it features a trim, sleek appearance without the former exaggerated fender lines.

American Motors, which in 1962 had the best sales year in its history, is offering in its 1963 Classic Six and Ambassador Eight a major appearance change. Both cars are lower in silhouette and look much bigger, but they are actually an inch shorter than previous models. The popular



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AUTO SHOW



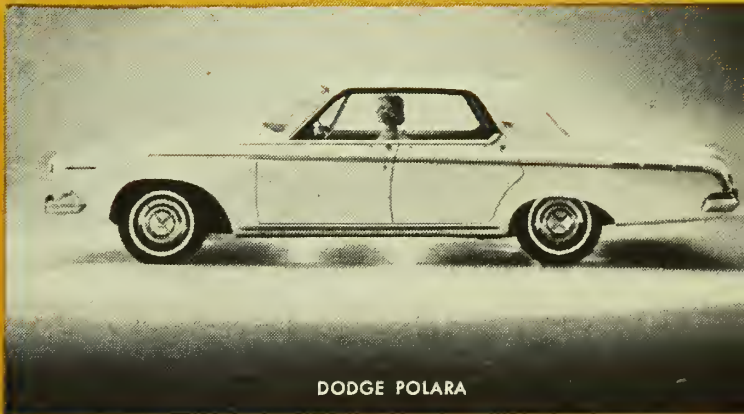
PLYMOUTH SPORT FURY



VALIANT SIGNET



DODGE DART



DODGE POLARA



CHRYSLER NEW YORKER



CROWN IMPERIAL

Rambler American, described as the "most economical of all U.S. built cars," will be available in an all-new hardtop model.

Brand new for 1963 is the Avanti, Studebaker's high performance, luxury sports car. The four-passenger Avanti can be obtained with supercharger, and

it features built-in roll bar, complete safety padding, caliper disc brakes, and, last but not least, distinctive "flying wedge" styling. Studebaker's Lark, Cruiser, and Hawk have various refinements in their styling but there are no radical changes.

Car fanciers will have little trouble in identifying the 1963 General Motors

cars since, with the exception of the Corvette, few major styling changes have been made. In virtually every case the refinements have served to give GM cars a longer and lower look. In the case of the Corvette, the changes are dramatic, with a lower silhouette and longer hood.

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1963 AUTO SHOW

Ford, too, has held the line appearance-wise, but there are many styling refinements evident in the 1963 cars and many new models. The standard-size Galaxie has a new high economy V8 engine, new 36,000-mile major lubrication interval, and a new "compliance-link"

suspension. The Fairlane, introduced in 1962 with sedans only, will have two new hardtops and three station wagons for 1963. The Falcon for 1963 will emphasize sports appeal with five new models, making a total of 17 in the line. The Thunderbird will have the same

lines as in 1962 but it is described as "the most changed car we are offering for 1963," with the changes for the most part inside the vehicle.

Although the exteriors of most 1963 models are not greatly changed from their 1962 counterparts, the changes that



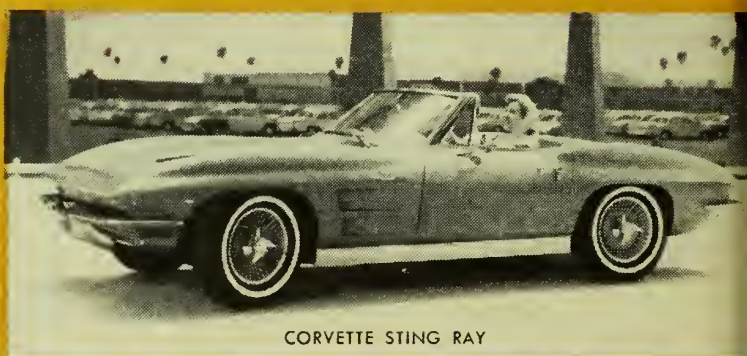
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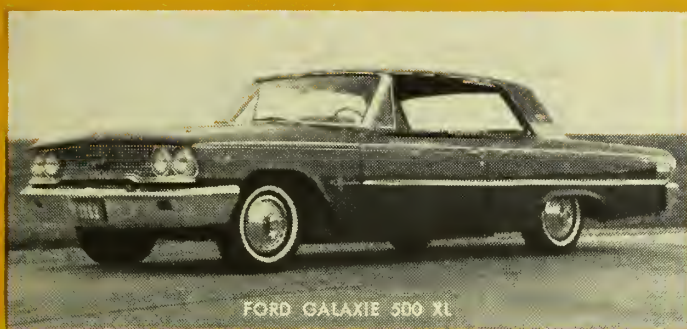
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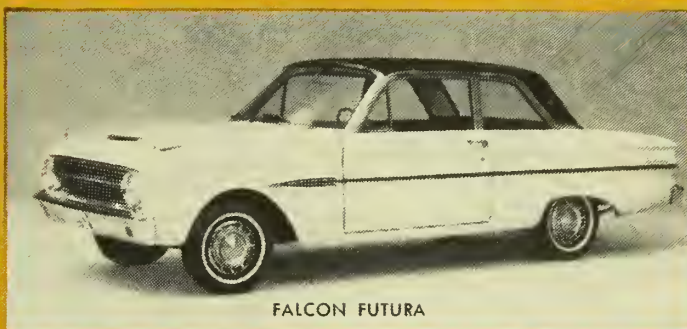
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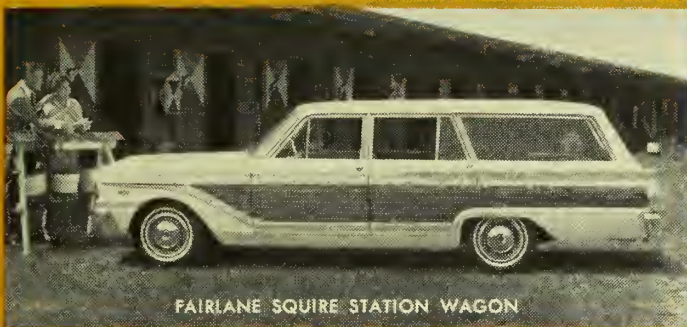
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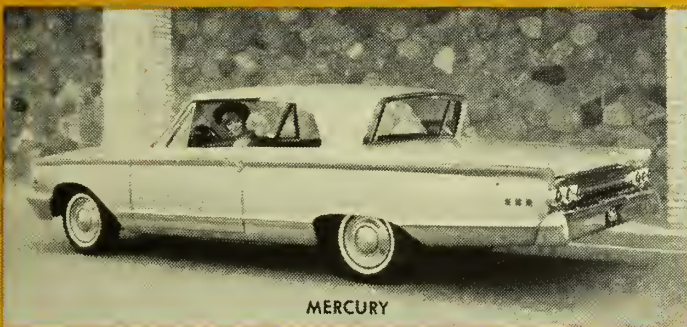
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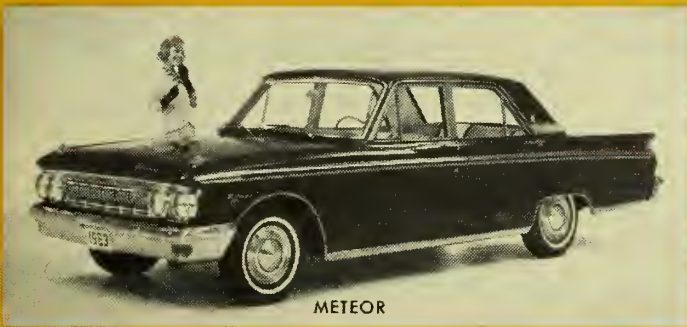
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LINCOLN CONTINENTAL

have been made mark a great improvement. Lines are clean and there is a commendable lack of trim and styling gimmicks that once cluttered up cars. However, there has been a great deal of interior decorating to make the new cars more attractive and comfortable, and much emphasis has been laid on making them trouble-proof. Chrysler, for instance, will offer a 5-year or 50,000-mile guarantee, whichever comes first, on the

power train of any car in the Chrysler line. This covers anything that might happen to the engine, transmission or differential, the sole condition being that the owner service his car regularly. American Motors has upped its chassis lubrication interval to 33,000 miles or three years. Economies through less frequent servicing are supplemented by savings through the use of regular gas.

Curiously, though, some types of

economy are being rejected by American motorists. When the first American compacts were introduced, buyers wanted only basic cars, with few if any accessories. Today the picture has changed, and buyers want their compacts with all the trimmings — bucket seats, special transmissions, more powerful engines, and so on. And, since the industry wishes only to please, it is providing all these things.

THE END

Rod & Gun

FOR THE MAN WITH AN INTEREST IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS CLUB

IF YOU BAG A DEER this season, the job of getting it to your car or camp may be made easier if you follow the suggestion of C. A. Sitts, of Ilion, N.Y. Instead of trying to drag the animal with a stick thrust through its antlers, he recommends wiring two smaller handles to the stick (which should be about two feet long) using about six inches of connecting wire. This, he says, permits greater flexibility and the work is a lot less tiring.

ANOTHER RECIPE for removing light rust spots from guns comes from Paul Brey, of Ontario, Wis. "Take a wooden match and burn it half down. Mix the burnt part of the match, including the head, with a little light lubricating oil and rub the rusted spot. It will remove the rust without removing the finish of the gun."



AN OLD TIRE can easily be made into a target for archery practice with just a few additional odds and ends. Two pieces of cardboard are stuffed into the opening and the space between is filled with straw or old rags. This idea came from Frank Anello, Jr., who neglected to give his address. If he will provide this information, he will receive a check for his contribution.

AN ATTRACTIVE WAY of identifying wooden items such as oars is suggested by C. W. Schwartz, of Lincoln, Nebr. He traces his initials with pencil and then hammers half-inch brass brads into the tracing.

AN EASIER METHOD of marking your personal property is available through the use of a machine called the Tapewriter. This hand-held device permits you to emboss words and numbers on a tough vinyl tape which is self-sticking and can be quickly attached to any surface. Your name and address can be spelled out and attached in moments to gun cases, gun stocks, fishing tackle, tools, etc. Made by Dymo Industries, Inc., Berkeley, Calif., the Tapewriter sells for \$24.95, with a cheaper model coming on the market to sell for approximately \$10. Ten feet of tape costs \$1.25.

AN IRRITATING CONDITION that almost spoiled a fishing expedition caused J. W. Gilbert, of Jacksonville, Fla., to come up with a remedy that he wishes to share with other fishermen. His favorite fly rod which had given a lot of service, suddenly developed a lot of play and wobble. To keep the day from being ruined, Mr. Gilbert filled the female ends of the rod with melted candle wax, then he warmed the male ends with a candle and pushed the ferrules into position, rotating the ends to displace the surplus. The result—a tight-fitting rod that even three days of constant casting did not loosen.

A COMMON SENSE safety reminder that could save your life this winter is offered by Dana Kollars, of Grofton, Nebr. If you have to cross ice whose strength is at all doubtful, carry a long pole with you. If you break through, the ends of the pole will provide support until help comes.

THE USE OF A TICKING CLOCK to keep a puppy from crying at night brought a number of comments and additional suggestions. However, Albert S. Lubran, of Steubenville, Ohio, offers one that makes a lot of sense. Make sure that you don't accidentally set the alarm. He did, and after it went off he had to spend the rest of the night quieting the frightened pup.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION that has to do with alarm clocks comes from Mrs. Jack Sturgeon, of West Helena, Ark. To get a lazy hunter up, she says, it is a good idea to place your alarm clock in a tin pan. Sounds like a rousing good idea.

IT IS EASY to confuse the scarlet king snake with the coral snake because both have colored rings around their bodies. However, wrong identity could have fatal results because the coral snake is venomous and the scarlet king is harmless. How to tell the difference? Lee Seeton, Jr., of Durham, Conn., sends us an old rhyme which will remind you: "Red and black, venom lack; red and yellow, kill a fellow!"

FRISKY DOGS who would rather play than hunt can be made to tend to their business if you follow the suggestion of Frank P. McDowell, Cresco, Iowa. He gives the dog a brisk run of a mile or a mile and a half before entering the hunting area. This quiets him down to where he is more willing to obey. One way of giving the dog the preliminary exercise is by having him follow your car as you drive at a slow speed in a safe area.

YOU CAN PROTECT your cigarettes from getting crushed or wet by putting them in a Band-Aid box, says Wilfred Beaver, of Chicago, Ill. The box is a perfect fit, and the hinged cover permits you to open and close it with one hand.

A CUSTOM LOOK can be given to your gun very simply with a piece of white plastic cut from a detergent bottle. Floyd Postlethwait, of Burton, W. Va., who offers this idea, points out that all you have to do is unscrew the butt plate of your gun, insert the plastic, replace the butt plate, and then trim off the excess plastic. That touch of white really sets it off!

ORIGINALLY DESIGNED for children, a new electronic toy is being put to practical use by a number of ingenious outdoorsmen. Called the "Big Ear," it is a transistorized listening device which operates on the same basis as a missile antenna to pick up and amplify sounds at a distance. Bird watchers are using the "Big Ear," which suggests that hunters can do likewise. The gadget has an 18-inch round plastic parabola with a sensitive microphone, and it comes with a tripod and stethoscopic earphones. Made by Bell Products Co., of St. Louis, Mo., it retails for \$18.



CAUTIOUS STALKING is necessary when you hunt deer, especially when you use a bow and arrow, we are reminded by John Cashman, of Norwell, Mass. However, he says, you can get within easy range if you never stare directly at the animal while approaching it. "Gazing directly at a solitary animal, or man, tends to actuate some unknown sense that arouses suspicion," he points out. "This theory is nothing new; the Marine Corps has been teaching it in infiltration classes for some years now. Try it before you laugh it off."

IF YOU OWN AN ENFIELD RIFLE (U.S. Model 1917) a reprint now available from the National Rifle Association will prove helpful. This tells how to remodel this firearm into a sporter, and also gives complete information on disassembly procedure, with exploded views showing parts. It may be obtained from the NRA, 1600 Rhode Island Ave., Washington 6, D.C., for 50¢.

A GUIDE TO FAMILY RECREATION outdoors. "The Mercury Book of Outdoor Living," edited by Bob Brewster of the Kiekhaefer Corporation, can now be found at most book stores. It contains 183 pages on camping, outboating, cruising, fishing, hunting, cooking, water skiing, skin diving, outdoor cooking, photography and safety. It sells for 50¢.

If you have a helpful idea for this feature send it along. If we can use it we'll pay you \$5.00. However, we are unable to acknowledge contributions, return them or enter into correspondence concerning them. Address Outdoor Editor, *The American Legion Magazine*, 720 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N. Y.



A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

LEGISLATIVE DIVISION CALLS FOR QUIZZING HOUSE CANDIDATES ON NSLI FIASCO:

The American Legion Legislative Division has called on Legionnaires, all other veterans, and their wives (who would be the ultimate beneficiaries) to quiz all candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, before Election Day, on (1) their part in the parliamentary fiasco by which the reopening of National Service Life Insurance was emasculated in the House last August, and on (2) what they expect to do about reopening NSLI next year if elected... The details of the legislative sham in the House appeared in this "Newsletter" in the October issue... The NSLI bill, butchered by the House, though supported by the Senate and the Kennedy Administration and the Veterans Administration, would have given WW2 and Korea vets a year to take out new insurance up to the \$10,000 maximum, at no cost to the government -- to make up for the cancellation of their right to do so in 1951 without notice or a deadline at that time.

We quote the Legion's National Legislative Bulletin of Sept. 27:

"Now, the question is: Will The American Legion accept this defeat of reopening legislation that would cost the government practically nothing... or will it give notice to House members seeking reelection that it will be back in January with a demand that NSLI be reopened for all veterans of World War II and Korea?... Success will require the active support of interested Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary...

"The time to start is now -- not after election. Keep in mind that only 87 House Members supported The American Legion on August 16. 124 Members voted against us and for the insurance companies. The remainder of the House membership was absent or did not vote. The House has 437 Members... It is unfortunate that the non-roll call vote makes it impossible for us to thank the 87 individuals who stuck with us, although we know who some of them were and we have extended our thanks to them.

"This is how you can start. Confront every House Member who is a candidate for reelection and express your disappointment to him. Ask him:

"What did you do about NSLI on August 16? Were you there? How did you vote? What are you going to do about such legislation next year, if you are elected?

"Remember, only 87 out of 437 Members supported NSLI reopening.

"This issue can be won and it will be won if you

give your help. It is not only the importance of this legislation to millions of veterans that is at stake but there is an even bigger issue and that is to determine if The American Legion really means and is willing to back up what it says through National Convention resolutions. If we cannot win an issue involving no cost to the Government, then it would be ridiculous to assume that we can be successful in the areas of compensation and pensions...

"If there ever was a time for The American Legion, with its nearly three million members and its one million Auxiliary supporters, to show its unity and make itself heard... before and after election... this is the time.

"Where was your Congressman? How did he vote? Ask him before election."

DIVIDED VETERANS PROBABLE CAUSE OF LEGISLATORS' COLD SHOULDER:

The only bill of importance in the veteran field that passed Congress this year was the compensation increase for war-disabled veterans, and that was several years overdue... As noted above, even an eminently just insurance bill, that would have cost the government nothing, was cleverly destroyed in the House by members who plainly feel that veterans can be handled with words and promises, not deeds... Naturally, no improvements in veterans pensions got out of any committee.

The American Legion had several modest and reasonable requests for amendments in the 1960 veterans pension law... One reason even the moderate and reasonable requests of the Legion got nowhere is that numerous veterans groups have decided that unity is not important... Different groups are pushing different pension proposals, some mild, some extreme, and many veterans and veterans groups are privately and publicly assailing each other over the pension issue... On the pension question, Congress rightly sees veterans divided and weak, and ignores them.

That even the Legion's reasonable proposals got nowhere is a pretty good indication of the weakening effect of veterans divided on a basic question.

Here are some of the proposals of the Legion, as incorporated in several bills that were snoring soundly as Congress went home:

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1. Stop counting a wife's income as a veteran's income in determining pension eligibility.

2. Permit unusual medical expenses to be subtracted from income in determining a veteran's or widow's pension eligibility, and make the same exclusion for the expenses of the last illness or burial of an immediate family member.

These are such fair and reasonable requests that they would have been adopted for any group deemed politically important ...They are not even controversial, but they are dead for the time being.

In addition, the Legion asked changes in the payscale of disabled vets and widows pensions, all of them tailored better to carry out the stated purposes of the existing law.

Here are the present 1960 law pension scales, and the Legion's proposals that did not come out of committee:

VET, NO DEPENDENT

1960 law: If income \$0 to \$600 -- \$85 monthly
...If income \$600 to \$1200 -- \$70 monthly
...If income \$1200 to \$1800 -- \$40 monthly.

Legion request: If income \$0 to \$1200 -- \$100 monthly...If income \$1200 to \$1800 -- \$80 monthly.
VET WITH DEPENDENT SPOUSE OR CHILD

1960 law: If income \$0 to \$1,000 -- \$90 monthly with 1 dependent, \$95 with 2 dependents, \$100 with 3 or more dependents.

If income \$1,000 to \$2,000 -- \$75 monthly regardless of number of dependents.

If income \$2,000 to \$3,000 -- \$45 monthly regardless of number of dependents.

Legion Request: If income \$0 to \$2,000 -- \$100 monthly plus \$5 for each additional dependent...If income \$2,000 to \$3,000 -- \$80 monthly plus \$5 for each additional dependent.

WIDOW, NO CHILD

1960 law: If income \$0 to \$1,000 -- \$60 per month...If income \$600 to \$1,200 -- \$45 monthly...
If income \$1,200 to \$1,800 -- \$25 monthly.

Legion Request: If income \$0 to \$1,200 -- \$85 monthly...If income \$1,200 to \$1,800 -- \$55 monthly.

WIDOW, WITH CHILDREN

1960 law: If income \$0 to \$1,000 -- \$75 monthly
...If income \$1,000 to \$2,000 -- \$60 monthly...
If income \$2,000 to \$3,000 -- \$40 monthly...\$15 per month for each child in excess of one in each case.

Legion Request: If income \$0 to \$2,000 -- \$85 monthly...If income \$2,000 to \$3,000 -- \$65 monthly
...Retain \$15 per month for each additional child in each case.

What is the future of veterans pensions?
...The history of the last Congress makes it plain to the most untutored in legislative things that if veterans are not militant and unified behind pension programs that are reasonable and attainable, instead of dividing into camps clamoring for everything from the moderate to the extreme, then not even those most worthy -- such as those cited in the table above, are apt to see any pension

improvement over the next ten or more years.

POSTS SHOULD EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF 1963 CARDS FOR INSURED MEMBERS:

More than 50,000 Legionnaires who carry American Legion Life Insurance will be renewing their contracts for 1963 before the end of the year...As their renewal requires filing a 1963 membership card number in The American Legion, Post Adjutants and Finance Officers are urged not to delay issuance of new cards to members paid up for 1963, lest they jeopardize the continuance of their Legion life insurance...And of course insured members under the Legion plan are advised to remit their 1963 dues to their Posts early enough for issuance of a new card before December.

During the month of September, more than 3,500 Legionnaires applied for new insurance, bringing the total insured past the 50,000 mark, and total coverage close to \$100,000,000 of protection.

JOBS WITH NEW ENGLAND FIRMS HELP VA MENTAL PATIENTS GET WELL:

Industries in Massachusetts are successfully joining with the Veterans Administration neuropsychiatric hospital at Brockton, Mass., in a program furnishing useful employment, at prevailing minimum wages, to neuropsychiatric war-veteran patients not yet released...Object: to provide a needed transition from hospitalization for mental disturbance to normal self-sufficiency.

Without such a transition, many patients cannot be released permanently.

The program, called CHIRP (Community, Hospital, Industry Rehabilitation Project) was tried out on 147 patients at the start, 124 of whom were successfully placed on payrolls for the experiment...After 12 months, the patients had earned \$8,121.67 and the experience had so motivated them that 61 had been discharged from the VA hospital.

Massachusetts firms cooperating included: Armor Bronze and Silver Co., Taunton; C. B. Hamblen & Son (displays and promotions), Norwell; Soundex Radio Co., Brockton; The Foxboro Co. (instrumentation), Foxboro; Clicker, Inc. (plastic products), Brockton; Control Logic, Inc., Natick; Polaroid Corp., Needham; the Bourget Co., Brockton -- also J. A. Kraatz Corp., Pawtucket, R.I....Citizen groups providing jobs included The Protestant Fellowship, Norfolk and the Taunton Assoc. of Commerce.

NEWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

NOVEMBER 1962

1963 Mail Order Course in Leadership Closes Nov. 10

Successful correspondence course for prospective Legion leaders starts 17th year, with 55,000 graduates behind it; Enrollments at reduced rates for groups; Grads hail home study results.

Nov. 10 is the closing deadline for applications for enrollees in the 17th annual American Legion Extension Institute, the single instrument that has produced more leadership qualities, in and out of The American Legion, among Legionnaires than any other except, possibly, experience in leadership in the Armed Forces.

It is a correspondence course with Nat'l Hq. all about The American Legion, its policies and its workings.

Your taking the course is good for the Legion and good for you.

By the testimony of those who have taken it already, it's an eye opener.

Your organization has so many sides and facets and little known aspects that members who'd been Legionnaires for years and years before taking the Institute course have said, in effect, "Holy Smokes, I didn't know all that!"

There was Elna Singleton of California, who took the course after retiring as a schoolteacher, and said that it proved how little even teachers "know about other organizations."

There was Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wynn, of Virginia, who took it together and said they'd learned plenty, though they'd been members of the Legion and Auxiliary for 15 years.

Wilda McClellan, of another husband-wife pair of students, of California said: "May I say that my original meagre knowledge of the Legion has received a much needed boost..."

William Black, Daingerfield, Texas said: "If all Legionnaires took it, they'd learn plenty about The American Legion that they don't know."

Russell Kamper took the course while hospitalized, and wrote from Mt. Vernon, Ill.: "I'm a WWI and WWII vet and no rookie, but I must admit that in all these years I never realized I had so much to learn about The American Legion."

Victor Murray, Des Moines, Iowa; noted: "The inherent philosophy of these lessons will be valuable to me

every day. Their application can further any good cause."

Charles Owens, a Master Sgt on duty at Kaiserlautern, Germany; wrote: "Real honored to be able to learn all this . . . Believe my services will be of greater value for future activities I may be called upon to render."

Had enough? This could go on for pages.

It's good for the *Legion* for you to take this course.

The Legion needs 17,000 new leaders every year, because except for the Posts that saddle the same fellows with the job of Commander every year, virtually every Post wants a new leader each year and wants a good one. Anyone who thinks it's a snap to find 17,000 new leaders every year, year in and year out, is invited to try it on his piano.

Fellows and gals who take this course qualify themselves for Legion leadership, they know the score when they run for office and when they are in office.

The Legion can't afford to have its

important offices filled with warm bodies, so that's why the Institute course is good for the Legion.

It's good for *you* to take this course, and having taken it, to assume more leadership in your Post, County or Department — which is easier when you thoroughly know the organization.

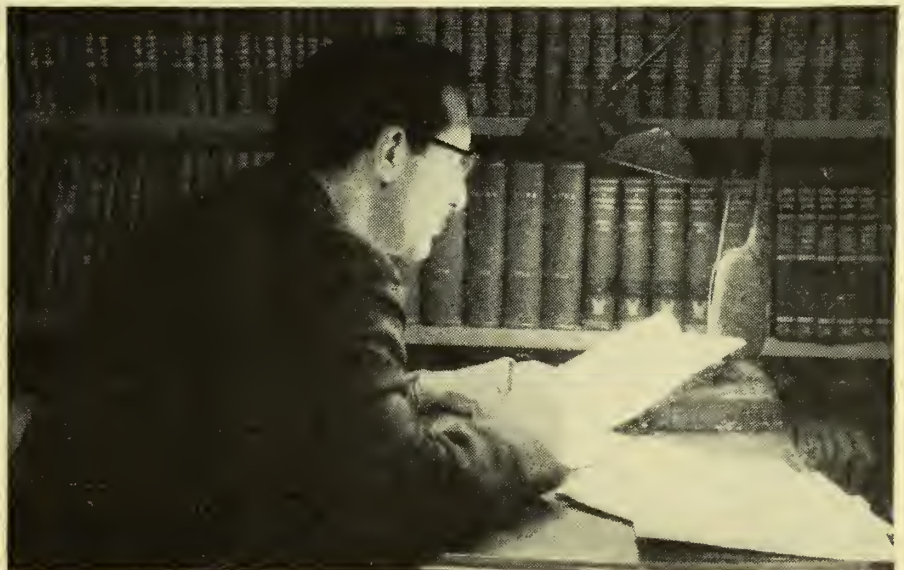
You cannot *know* the organization simply by picking up what people who don't know anything about it say about it on street corners.

Like the people we've quoted, the first time you really study the Legion is the first time you realize how little even a longtime member may know.

The Institute course is apt to be a stepping stone to pushing you into a little more leadership. And when you have had some leadership, the experience tends to qualify you for more. The results of experience in knowledgeable leadership make a better man or woman of almost anyone (there are some exceptions). Our country is full of people who have grown in private and public affairs, and in the extent of the responsibilities entrusted to them, who started because their Legion Post gave them an opportunity to show their stuff when no other avenue for a first step in leadership was open to them. This is so true that you probably know a few such Legionnaires yourself. We could quote quite a few.

Just to clinch this sales pitch for the Extension Institute, we list below a few of the Legionnaires who signed up for the very first Legion Extension Institute

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF 55,000 OTHERS



A member perusing the Legion's home study course.

Home Study Course (Continued)

Course back in 1947, with some of their subsequent Legion positions.

Two 1947 students became National Commanders: John S. Gleason, Jr., of Chicago, now Administrator of Veterans Affairs, and Donald R. Wilson, Clarksburg, W. Va., attorney.

Others who filled out the coupon back then included:

John Corcoran of New York, the Legion's Director of Rehabilitation, and Bernard Nolan, Jr., Assistant Director. Alton Cochran and Lawrence Hinds who both became Indiana Department Commanders and are currently on national Legion Committees (Hinds is also Secretary of the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation and was a National Executive Committeeman). Bernard Bagert of New Orleans, now a judge, and member of the Legion's Nat'l Finance Commission. Harry W. Miller, of West Virginia, who became a National Vice Commander. Clyde Dickey, Oregon's current alternate NECman. George T. Lewis, Jr., of Tennessee, now chairman of the Legion's Nat'l Internal Affairs Commission. Frank W. Chambers, now Adjutant of the Mississippi Legion Department. John W. Janko of Texas, newly elected Nat'l Executive Committeeman for Texas. Jerome Host of Wisconsin, now a member of the nat'l Naval Affairs Committee. Charles Moten of Virginia, member of the current Pilgrimage Committee.

Back in 1947, Post 1, in Denver, was not the biggest Legion Post in the World. Today, and for some time, it is and has been. Maybe the fact that the Denver Post had 89 of its members sign up in the first Legion Extension Course



The 513 pages in these 6 volumes are the basic Extension Institute study materials.

in 1947 had something to do with the phenomenal growth and stature of the Post.

Among the 89 Denverites in the 1947 class were:

Will Nicholson, later Mayor of Denver and chairman of the Legion's Nat'l Security Commission; Dick Witherall, who became Adjutant and, this year, Commander of the World's

Biggest Post; Tom Schneider, now a member of the Legion's Washington staff; M. L. Lyckholm, Adjutant of the Colorado American Legion; Frank Binder, long the Denver Post 1 Adjutant; Steve Halligan, long a member of the Nat'l Rehab Commission; Felix Pogliano, who became a Nat'l Vice Commander; Bernie Gates, now a retired Legion Nat'l Field Representative.

We don't claim that you'll immediately become an important national personality just by taking the course. All told 55,000 Legionnaires have taken it (and now its open to Auxiliaries). Many of them are perfectly happy just to be better qualified for leadership in their own Post and community, like those we quoted first.

When you have taken the course you will also have something that you own. The course includes a set of stiff covered volumes, the basic study materials. They are yours, a constant ready source of info on every aspect of this big organization.

You have until Nov. 10 to get your application in to Hq. The coupon herewith provides all the info you need.

How a Great Colorado Post Raises Welfare Funds by Serving Its City

This is the story of an unusual way in which an outstanding American Legion Post raises several thousand dollars a year for one of its many programs. The actual circumstances are unique, but some other Posts may find a useful suggestion in the general principle involved.

Among the many Posts of The American Legion which seem to do everything that a Post should do in its town, and maybe a little more, is Colorado Springs Post 5, in Colorado Springs.

All by itself, it sponsors a Student County government in Colorado's El Paso County. That's the county version of Boys State and Girls State. Such County Legion projects are statewide in Nebraska and Louisiana. The one in El Paso County, Colo., is among the few that are run by a lone Post.

Post 5 has sponsored Boy Scout Troop #10 for 31 years, a record only a few Scout sponsors can match.

It sponsors the Legion's Nat'l Oratorical contest in not one, but five high schools, including that of the neighboring town of Manitou.

Twice a year, Post 5 visits the VA mental hospital at Fort Lyons in force, and every patient gets a gift from the Post. As one Post member says: "This is what hooked me in the Legion. The first time I went there, the gratitude of those poor, neglected patients tore my heart out. I was a Legionnaire for life after that. I was shocked at the number

of mental patients, most of whom are as human as the rest of us outside of their particular affliction, who are forgotten by their families. That strangers in the Legion would band together to do for them what many of their families would not was an eye-opener."

Post 5, in addition to its regular American Legion baseball team, involves more than 200 boys each year in a county-wide youth baseball program.

Post 5 sponsors an original poster contest in the schools, so well designed that 800 youngsters entered it the first year, 1958. The contest rules correlate the arts and social science studies, and are worked out in conjunction with the instructors in those subjects — the Post awarding medals to the best entries in several classes of competition.

The first and second place medals and ribbons awarded youngsters in Colorado Springs Junior High Schools' annual track meets are always provided by American Legion Post 5.

Two medals from Post 5 go to ROTC students at Colorado College each year. One to the outstanding ROTC student in the junior class, another in recognition of military scholarship.

Post 5 annually expends between \$2,000 and \$3,000 on the welfare of veterans and their families in and around Colorado Springs. Here's how they raise that money.

The annual "Pikes Peak or Bust"

ENROLLMENT FORM

American Legion EXTENSION INSTITUTE

(Use this coupon and add extra names and addresses, if any, on another sheet).

To The Faculty

American Legion Extension Institute
PO Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Here's our draft for \$..... Enroll those listed herewith in the 17th American Legion Extension Institute home study course, and send each the first assignment and lesson pronto.

Total students with this order.....

Name (last first).....

Street Address

City & State.....

Card #.....Post or Unit #.....

(This coupon accommodates an order for one fully. For more, use it and add additional names on a separate sheet, giving the above info for each).

COST—One to four—\$6 each—Five to nine—\$4 each—Ten or more—\$3 each. Price, payable to "The American Legion," based on all sent in one order.

MEET ME FOR BREAKFAST ON PIKES PEAK AVENUE



A mass breakfast in streets starts the annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs. This great western festival underwrites the welfare program of American Legion Post 5, Colorado Springs. For the how and why of it, see story this page.

STEWART PHOTO

Rodeo, held the first week of August, is one of the big annual carnivals of the U.S. West. The entire proceeds of the rodeo go to Post 5 for the welfare fund — not as a gift, but because the members of the Post and Auxiliary Unit have earned it.

To the city of Colorado Springs, the rodeo is a trade-booster, a great show, involving all sorts of things besides the rodeo itself — like the community breakfast in the streets that packs in thousands, and in general a weeklong festival that attracts visitors from many hundreds of miles away.

Spencer Penrose, the copper and silver king who built Colorado Springs'

fabulous Broadmoor Hotel, started the rodeo in the 1920's. It fell on its face. Nobody came. Penrose's sole motive was to create an annual show that would boost Colorado Springs. He felt that a community-wide group with manpower would have to get behind it to make it go, and turned to Post 5.

Let the Legion make a success of the rodeo, by putting its manpower into the promotion, and the funds earned by the rodeo could go to the Legion for one of its worthy causes, said Penrose. Post 5 said yes, organized the Rodeo Association, worked like bees, and eventually saw the Pikes Peak Rodeo grow to its modern stature. The Legion's role in the

Rodeo Association today, as the recipient of the funds, is to do the hard work. The Legionnaires seat all the people, man the infield, collect all the tickets, park all the cars. The Auxiliary sells all the programs. And the receipts go to the Post's welfare fund.

The basic idea could apply to quite a few other Posts, perhaps. Seek a fund-raising gimmick by working for a project that is a promotion for the whole community. It works in Colorado Springs. (And so do the Legionnaires there).

Legion Growth

Adrenalin in Indiana

Vigorous program expansion, especially in Boy Scout sponsorship, is under way among the posts of Indiana's 11th Legion District. 17 posts have processed charter applications for new Scout Troops, all in Indianapolis' downtown areas, in a Legion drive to bring more adult leadership to at least 1,700 more urban youngsters.

New Legion posts are also being organized in Indianapolis' suburban areas, two of which have already been chartered since the 11th District instituted the expansion program late in the summer. New 11th District Commander is Robert V. Welch, a prominent builder of pre-fab homes and a real estate developer. Welch is a member of Post 34, Indianapolis. The expansion drive is an energetic application of policies of the national American Legion Membership and Post Activities Committee, of which William Brennan, another member of Post 34, is chairman.

Education Week Nov. 11-17

The week of Nov. 11, 1962 will be the 42nd American Education Week, first observed under American Legion-Nat'l Education Association sponsorship in 1921, as the result of a joint Legion-NEA meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

It is the week for the populace of each community to visit their schools.

Legion Posts have received suggestions from Nat'l Hq for cooperating in the observance, starting the week off with the local Veterans Day program on Nov. 11, which is, in the Education Week program, quite appropriately set aside as American Heritage day. Tuesday, Nov. 13 is the day for open house in the schools, for visits to them by the public.

Many American Legion Posts arrange for a dinner with the local teachers at some time during American Education Week. Those that do report that it is a very satisfying way for laymen and teachers better to understand common civic problems.

Berra Not Alone Among Sports Greats in Classic Legion Junior Baseball Photo of 1942



Yankee catcher stole home against Phillie manager with help of Rose Bowl fullback.

The baseball photo here has long been famous because it shows Yogi Berra, indomitable Yankee catcher, stealing home at the age of 16, to help win a sectional game for his St. Louis team, in the American Legion Junior Baseball elimination tournament of 1942 at Hastings, Nebraska.

Now information that has come to light as a result of our publishing it last August makes it even more of a gem. The *Hastings Daily Tribune* photographer, Elvan McClenahan, who snapped the intriguing shot back then, had the frustrated catcher (right) as Dick Behnke, a member of the Los Angeles Sunrise Post team (which lost this game but went on to win both this sectional contest and then the national American Legion title). However, when we identified the catcher as Behnke in August, Don Runcie, who played on the Sunrise team, wrote to say that wasn't Behnke, it was none other than Gene Mauch, who is currently the Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League. What a photo! we thought — with Yogi, as a kid, stealing home on Mauch, as a kid, (and what a picture anyway, with Yogi's thievish grin; Mauch's frustrated bellow, the ball bouncing at his feet; while the batter, one Russ Steger, seems to be throwing an illegal block on Mauch, but the ump, "Peaches" Postlewaite, ruling otherwise).

So we wrote Gene Mauch, who promptly affirmed that he indeed was the catcher, put in to save the regular Los Angeles catcher, Dick Kineman (who in 1962 managed the Visalia ball

club) for the concluding game that night. Mauch then threw out a hint that the *third* player in the photo, Russ Steger, might *also* have become someone of more than casual renown in the sports world later on.

Said Mauch: "Yogi and I have discussed this play many times. Russ Steger, the hitter, went on to become quite a football player in the Big Ten. You can see he already knew how to block."

We promptly called the Big Ten office in Chicago, and in nothing flat they had given us Steger's phone number and we were talking with him. Steger, the third player in the more and more famous photo of Legion Junior Baseball, played fullback for the University of Illinois after a stint in service in WW2. He made three All-American teams in 1947, and in the Illinois-UCLA Rose Bowl Game on Jan. 1, 1947, intercepted a pass in the third period and went 54 yards for a touchdown. In this photo, Steger (center) is 15 years old.

Let us know whenever you take a photo of (1) a big league star, (2) a big league star and manager and (3) an All-American Rose Bowler, all tangled up at home plate when they are 15 and 16. To the *Hastings Tribune* and cameraman McClenahan, our thanks until a more intriguing picture comes along. We're framing this one.

It's 20 years since this photo was taken, but the principals haven't forgotten the Legion Junior Baseball played at Hastings on that day. St. Louis' Stockham Post (Berra-Steger)

played Los Angeles' Sunrise Post (Mauch) for the Western championship, the winner to play the Eastern champ at Manchester, N.H. for the national title.

"It was a windy afternoon in Hastings," Steger recalls. Both teams were loaded with boys who played well enough to go on to the major leagues, and they took it for granted either one could whip the Eastern champs. "We had Roy Sievers on our roster," said Steger, "but he was so young we left him home. We had Bobby Hofman, who later hit 9 pinch homers for the Giants in one year. When the Yankees come to Chicago these days, I sometimes see Yogi Berra, and we hash over that 1942 Legion team of ours.

"We had others, too. The year before, our Stockham Post had Joe Garagiola. The Sunrise Post had a lot of fellows who later made out in pro ball besides Gene Mauch. I can't remember them all.

"Anyway, we had to win the afternoon game, the one in the photo, to stay alive, and we did. That left a night game, the winner to go on to New Hampshire for the national title. Our team had two good pitchers ready, and our manager called us into left field and asked us to pick out the pitcher for the night game. We picked one and that night gave him a 4-run lead in the first inning" (Steger hit a triple that drove in three of them).

"With a bunch of guys who were hitting .700, and Berra, who could bunt over the outfielders' heads, we were sure we had the national title in the bag.

"But alas! We picked the wrong pitcher for that night. He got the first L.A. boy out, hit the next, walked a few more, and L.A. had its 4 runs right back. They got inspired, we got depressed. Los Angeles won, went on to New Hampshire to cop the national crown. All we had to do was pick the right pitcher for that night, and St. Louis' Stockham Post would have taken the Legion title in 1942."

They took it in 1956, but by then Steger was well on his way to being General Agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Chicago, and Berra, Sievers, Hofman, Garagiola, etc., were well-established big leaguers.

NAT'L CONVENTION REPORT NEXT MONTH

Though you will read this magazine after the American Legion National Convention for 1962 has met in Las Vegas, Nevada, this issue was on the presses at Convention time. Complete Nat'l Convention coverage is scheduled for the December issue.

GOVERNOR JOINS MAINE LEGION'S NAT'L BLOODBANK CHAMPS

Legionnaires of Maine again walked off with the annual national bloodbank awards of The American Legion this year, and here Maine Gov. John H. Reed sets the pace for Maine's ambitions to stay on top in 1963, by signing up in the Maine Legion's bloodbank.

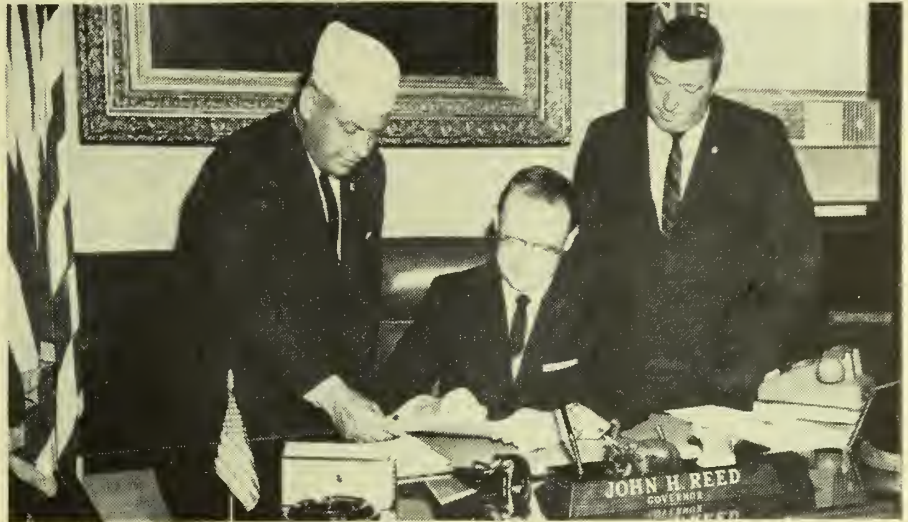
Every American Legion Post in Maine participated in the bloodbank in 1962, a 100% record for Post participation that nosed out Rhode Island's 87.6%, and Hawaii's 60%.

56% of all Maine Legionnaires participated, to take the membership participation crown too, over Missouri's 33% and Hawaii's 21.9%. It was the third time that Maine led the nation in both Post and member participation.

In the larger cities, Maine Legionnaires keep cold-storage blood supplies; in the smaller communities, members are registered for blood-type and on call around the clock as walking bloodbanks.

All told, 11,571 Maine Legionnaires took part in the 1962 bloodbank.

Nat'l Commander Charles L. Bacon forwarded the double prize to Gov.



"An incredibly outstanding performance"

Reed to give to the Maine Legion, calling it "an incredibly outstanding performance." In the photo above Gov. Reed has just given the national awards to Maine Dep't Cmdr Bertrand Lagueux (left) and Nat'l Executive Committeeman William Rogers (right), and they

are signing him up in the walking bloodbank. Gov. Reed is a member of Walter Lovely Post 27 in Fort Fairfield, Me. Said Gov. Reed: "Maine is extremely proud of such fine citizens and their willingness to give of their blood and time so that others might live."

"RETARDED CHILDREN" POSTER CHILD & LEGIONNAIRE MOTHER



Poster child of the year for 1963 of the Nat'l Ass'n for Retarded Children is young David Jordalin, of Shrewsbury, Mass. David's mother, Mary Jordalin, a WW2 WAVE and Past Cmdr of All Women's Post 419, American Legion, Worcester, Mass. will travel thousands of miles with David in support of the Retarded Children's Ass'n. She and her husband, Bill Jordalin, are shown with David and their three normal children. David has a sunny disposition, but is retarded by a genetic accident called mongolism. All Women's Post 419 is widely known in Massachusetts Legion circles for its work in Child Welfare.



David on Poster

BRIEFLY NOTED

Camp Shanks, New York's famous Port of Embarkation billet, is the subject of a special issue of the quarterly publication of the Tappan Zee Historical Society, of Orangeburg, N.Y. Nearly 1½ million U.S. Army troops saw Camp Shanks as their last stop before going overseas to Europe, and a half million had it as their first stop coming back. Veterans interested in the special issue may acquire a copy by sending 25¢ (no stamps) to the society, care of Tappan Zee Nat'l

Bank, Box 3, Orangeburg, N.Y. Stamped commemorative covers, at an additional 15¢, will be issued for mailing Nov. 10.

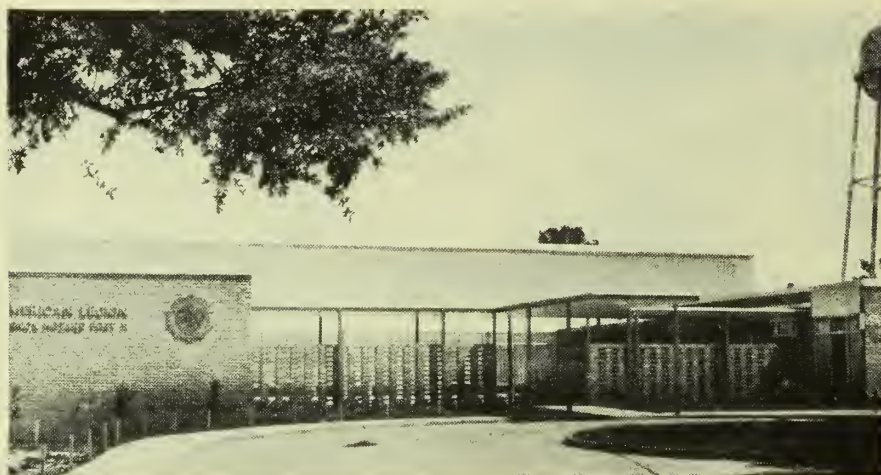
Best all-around newspaper of The American Legion for 1961-62 is *The Oregon Legionnaire*, edited by R. Harlow Schillios. The same paper won the American Legion Press Ass'n award last year too, and was third in 1960. Second is *The Ohio Legion News* (M. M. Carothers, editor). Third is *The Michigan Legionnaire* (Neil Bertram, editor).

Best newspaper for a Post with less than 2,000 members is *The Legion A-I-R*, of

Post 35, Jeffersonville, Ind., edited by 80-year-old Hermann Wenige, widely known in Legion Rehabilitation circles. The same paper was first in 1959, second in 1958, third in 1960 and 1961 in the nat'l competition. Second this year is the *Spirit of '73*, of Post 73, East Orange, N.J. (Arthur Gabosch, editor). Third is the *Scoop*, of Post 372, Cherry Hill, N.J. (Erwina O. Huhn, editor).

Best duplicating process newspaper (mimeo or other) by a Post is *The Bell Telephone Post Bugler*, of Post 427, Milwaukee, Wisc., the 4th nat'l first place
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A WELL-EARNED LUXURY IN LOUISIANA

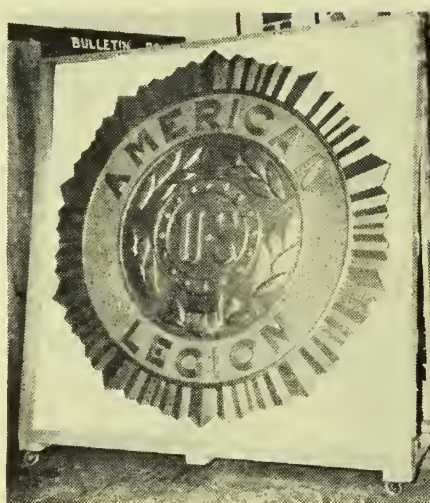


New \$200,000 home of Post 31, Houma, Louisiana

Exactly 40 years after they founded their American Legion Post, members of Lenox Hotard Post 31, in Houma, Louisiana, got around to giving themselves a first-rate Legion home, shown in the photo above as it was dedicated this year.

The Houma Legionnaires weren't lazy, or even slow. They spent the first 40 years helping to make Houma a first rate town, and did a remarkable job. Most of the public lands in Houma today were a swamp when Post 31 was formed in 1922. Post 31 filled it in — the land where playgrounds, ballparks, a Nat'l Guard armory, the firehouse, the public swimming pool now stand. The pool, the ballfield, and the park were created by the Post — the pool at a cost of \$150,000.

If ever a Post deserved to spend some \$200,000 on itself, for a change, Lenox Hotard Post in Houma did when it built its handsome new clubhouse in 1962. At the dedication, youngsters of the 4-H Clubs of Terrebonne Parish dropped by to express their thanks for all that Post 31 had done for young people in the



Gift of 4-H youngsters

Parish — and presented the 6 foot, 150 lb, handmade Legion emblem shown here, since installed high on a wall of the new home. 4-H official Lawrence Orgeron made the emblem from 265 pieces of carved wood, a job that took 360 hours.

Briefly Noted

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for editor Bob Becker's paper. Second is *The Torch*, Post 75, Fond du Lac, Wis. (Wilmer Capelle, editor). Third is the *416 News Reel*, Post 416, Houston, Tex. (Marcus N. Covan, editor). *The Torch* was second last year, the *News Reel* moved into the top three for the first time.

First prize for an editorial in a Legion publication for 1961-62 has gone to Richard S. Kaplan, for an editorial in the *Gary Memorial Post Monthly News*, of Post 17, Gary, Ind. Second prize went to M. M. Carothers, of the *Ohio Legion News*; third to Willard A. Hope of the *Edison Legion Bulletin*, Post 431, Los Angeles, Calif.

Eleven \$1,000 scholarships for nurses in training, specializing in care of tubercular patients, have been awarded for 1962-63 by the nat'l 8&40, subsidiary organization of The American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Kenneth Colton, the 8-&40's Nat'l TB Nursing Scholarship Chmn announced that it is the 6th straight year of such TB nursing awards. The trainees with 8&40 scholarships this year are attending universities from California to New York.

Correction: Typing errors in our late-deadline Oct. story on the 1962 Legion Baseball championship referred to the "James E. Daniels" award for sportsmanship, and credited the batting crown for the series to "Frank" Balmer, of the Hampton, Va. team. Balmer's name is

Frederick. Jimmy Daniel, late beloved chairman of the Legion Nat'l Americanism Commission, from South Carolina, is the man for whom the sportsmanship award is named. Jimmy Daniel's full name was James F. Daniel, Jr.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these comrades are urged to do so.

Notices are run at the request of The American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission. They are not accepted from other sources.

Readers wanting Legion help with claims should contact their local service officers.

Service officers unable to locate needed witnesses for claims development should refer the matter to the Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission through normal channels, for further search before referral to this column.

Camp Farragut, Idaho, Navy Boot Camp 474, June, 1943—Need to locate comrades in service at this date and place who recall Jack Jeffries, Jr. Men who were in service with him may aid in development of claim. Write: Ray Asmussen, Claims Service Division, South Dakota Veterans Dep't, VA Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Camp Hollburg, Md., 1543rd Service Unit, winter, 1933—Need to locate Capt. Richard W. Johnson, who may recall info that will be of assistance to a claim of Earl J. Johnson, both Johnsons in this outfit at this time. Write: Ray L. Secindiver, West Va. Dep't of Veterans Affairs, Wiltshire Bldg., Martinsburg, W. Va.

445th Flight Squadron, Orlando, Fla., July 1953—Any members of this outfit at this time who recall William J. Berates (since deceased) may have info of assistance in a claim of his widow. Write: Robert C. MacFarland, American Legion Dep't Service Officer, Box 411, Togus, Maine.

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ARMY

128th Field Art'y—(Nov.) W. E. Kraemer, 5503 Murdock Ave., St. Louis 9, Mo.

705th MP Bn—(Nov.) Bernard C. Hogan, 24 Walnut St., Everett 49, Mass.

NAVY

USS Suzanne (S.P. 510) WWI—(Jan.) Anthony J. Conway, 1034 Sycamore St., Haddon Heights, N. J.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

W. Homer Brewer (1962), Post 67, Lanett, Ala.
Frederick Ripper (1962), Post 187, Gardena, Calif.

Charles J. Gunther (1962), Post 251, Los Angeles, Calif.

Liberato Fiorelli (1961), Post 150, Hamden, Conn.

LeGrand J. P. Fichthorn (1962), Post 31, Washington, D.C.

Marjorie D. Terry (1962), Post 134, Tampa, Fla.

Faron B. Huguenin (1959) and **Paul H. Sellers** (1960) and **John T. Cheriones** (1962), Post 277, Boca Raton, Fla.

W. J. Stroder and Michael N. Vestrano, Sr., (both 1962), Post 8, Munich, Germany.
 William Gamalero and William Kuhn and Rev. Daniel E. Lenehan (all 1962), Post 1, Guatemala, C.A.
 Joseph Nowak and John P. Partyka and George Perniciaro and John Picuch (all 1962), Post 330, Calumet City, Ill.
 George Helebrandt (1957) and James I. Bachorz and Stephen Bochowicz and Stephen T. Bradet (all 1959), Post 419, Chicago, Ill.
 Claus Focks and Henry S. Pekelnicky (both 1962), Post 959, Chicago, Ill.
 Robert L. Ewing (1962), Post 466, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Dr. Leo P. Miller and Russell Peterson (both 1962), Post 21, Buffalo Center, Iowa.
 A. N. Ahlgren (1962), Post 88, Shenandoah, Iowa.
 L. W. Anderson (1947) and Hobart S. Putnam (1961), Post 288, Hartley, Iowa.
 Leo L. Harris (1961) and Eugene F. Dailey and Clark Dunlap (both 1962), Post 188, Kansas City, Kans.
 Arthur T. Couch (1962), Post 174, Cloverport, Ky.
 William Petit and Harold J. Riley (both 1956) and Harry Ellis (1957) and Rowland Fixel (1960), Post 1, Detroit, Mich.
 Lavern Cole (1962), Post 15, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
 John E. Trotter and Ralph Van Wagner (both 1962), Post 17, Iron River, Mich.
 Howard Churchill and Harold Schonfeld, Sr. (both 1961) and J. F. MacDonald, Sr. and Althert Schroeder (both 1962), Post 135, Inlay City, Mich.
 E. Rausch, Sr. and E. Reinhardt and Carl Robhins and A. Roberts (all 1962), Post 261, East Detroit, Mich.
 Paul V. Fling (1961), Post 19, Madelia, Minn.
 Claude E. Morrill and Luther Swanson (both 1959) and Oliver N. Anderson and Wilher G. Benis (both 1960), Post 99, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Oscar L. Flo (1961), Post 165, Briceyn, Minn.
 Dr. Roger L. Lewis and Louise C. Manship (both 1962), Post 1, Jackson, Miss.
 Ted F. Barnes and C. Lyle Carey and William L. Cook (all 1962), Post 203, McCook, Nebr.
 M. E. Leavitt and Jack H. Wagner (both 1961), Post 8, Las Vegas, Nev.
 Frederic Stoddard and Joseph C. Titus (both 1962), Post 16, Irvington, N.J.
 Edward Wysocki (1962), Post 113, Frenchtown, N.J.

Samuel C. Albanese (1962), Post 140, Millburn, N.J.
 Alex W. Porter and E. Bertram Wright (both 1962), Post 144, Ventnor City, N.J.

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ASSETS	
Cash on hand and on deposit....	\$ 231,805.60
Receivables	236,085.94
Inventories	511,736.53
Invested Funds	961,609.67
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Funds	\$ 270,499.27
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	3,297,768.18
Real Estate	814,228.39
Furniture & Fixtures,	
Less Depreciation	235,840.75
Deferred Charges	130,825.58
	<u>\$6,690,399.91</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 375,956.93
Funds Restricted as to use	32,149.21
Deferred Income	1,098,303.42
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Funds	\$ 270,499.27
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	3,297,768.18
Net Worth:	
Reserve Fund	\$ 24,185.11
Restricted Fund	22,285.06
Real Estate	814,228.39
Reserve for Reha-	
bilitation	505,122.17
Reserve for Child	
Welfare	70,609.45
Reserve for	
Convention	60,000.00
	<u>1,496,430.18</u>
Unrestricted	
Capital	119,292.72
	<u>1,615,722.90</u>
	<u>\$6,690,399.91</u>

J. Duncan Tansill (1962), Post 263, New York, N.Y.
 Robert R. Sugarman and C. E. Topping and Frank E. Webster (all 1953) and P. A. DeVito (1954), Post 391, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 John W. Davin and Frank W. Dittmer and Ralph G. Few and Eugene F. Garlock (all 1961), Post 410, Lockport, N.Y.
 Charles H. Huggins, Jr. (1962), Post 422, Flushing, N.Y.
 Alcidie Bernardin, Sr. (1961) and Charles D. Gihbons (1962), Post 476, Cohoes, N.Y.
 Edgar J. Fisher (1959) and George A. Buettner (1961) and Arthur F. Maischoss (1962), Post 622, Williamsville, N.Y.
 Louis H. Ogi and Ralph W. Witmer (both 1962), Post 942, Webster, N.Y.
 William C. Lawlor, Sr. (1962), Post 1610, Albany, N.Y.
 Glen Huber (1962), Post 223, Hicksville, Ohio.
 Sam D. Taylor (1962), Post 389, Beverly, Ohio.
 Althert F. Graf and William Kurtz and Ernest Moosman (all 1962), Post 463, Waterville, Ohio.
 I. Jacob Grollman and Samuel Guzzetta and Harry A. Harman and Althert A. Karwinus (all 1962), Post 9, Easton, Pa.
 Ernest R. Kehm (1960), Post 191, Emmaus, Pa.
 J. W. King and James Y. Renfro and Robert H. Thompson (all 1962), Post 50, Rockwood, Tenn.
 Napoleon E. Mayo and Joseph A. Racine and Cyrus E. Rhodes (all 1962), Post 21, Newport, Vt.
 H. A. O'Bryant and Walter Schwarz (both 1960) and W. Earl Andrews and A. N. Stohler (both 1961), Post 14, Vancouver, Wash.
 Paul Evenson (1959) and Dr. Robert L. MacCormack (1961), Post 191, Whitehall, Wis.
 William K. Severy (1962), Post 29, Basin, Wyo.

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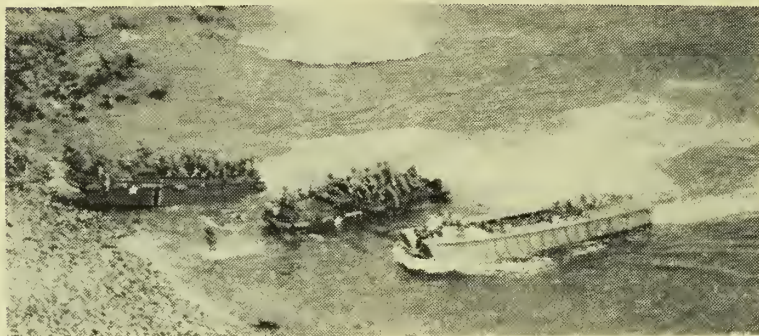
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THE LONGEST DAY, a new movie based on the novel of the same name by Cornelius Ryan, tells the story of the first 24 hours of the D-Day invasion, June 6, 1944, when the Allies, under General Eisenhower, smashed ashore along the heavily fortified Normandy coast.

The script is a mixture of facts and individual experiences. It shows the German side of the invasion for the first time and points out that the already narrow margin of victory held by the Allies might have been even narrower had it not been for the heroism of the Allied soldiers, massive German bungling at the time of the invasion and Hitler's peculiar stubbornness. German errors resulted from the conviction that the Allies would never attack in bad weather, and that, if and when they did invade, it would come at the point where the Channel is at its narrowest. These German errors are among the strangest aspects of the D-Day story, and produce some of the most fascinating episodes in the movie.

The United States, French, British and West German governments cooperated in the filming of this picture, which employs 56 international stars and was made in three language versions—English, French and German. In all, 37 military advisers from the four nations attended the filming to ensure absolute authenticity.

The movie was shot on 31 different locations throughout France and was photographed in black and white Cinemascope. It was before the cameras about ten months. Since no original D-Day documentary footage was used in the film, moviegoers will view completely re-staged action. Actual conditions were reproduced as closely as possible, down to the smallest details. In reconstructing part of the massive assault on Omaha Beach, the United States Sixth Fleet cooperated by permitting the use of 22 ships, on duty in the Mediterranean, to participate in the film. Actual wartime conditions were simulated and the Sixth Fleet combined its part in the movie with a regular training exercise.

One of the most difficult aspects of making the film was collecting ammunition and authentic equipment that had been used during the invasion. A 20-mm Wehrmacht cannon was located in Britain; several 50-mm anti-aircraft guns used by the Germans were unearthed in bunkers at Ile de

Re; a British Piat gun, resembling the U.S. bazooka, was located in a London museum and borrowed for the movie. Such items as jeeps, weapon carriers, ducks, half-trucks and other vehicles by the hundreds had to be obtained, and in some cases, reconditioned. Spitfires were located in Belgium, and reconditioned for use in the film. Vintage landing craft was taken out of mothballs by both the French and Americans. Uniforms came from France, England and Germany. Some of the special props, such as Rommel's Field Marshal's baton had to be made, and German candy wrappers and cigarette boxes were borrowed from German museums and copied.

Often during the filming of the movie, stars and their actual counterparts were able to meet and in some instances, individuals who were being portrayed lent some of their own equipment and offered their own ideas and recollections of that fateful day. Among these were: Lord Lovat, the British commando leader who is played by Peter Lawford; Major John Howard, portrayed by Richard Todd; Commander Philippe Kieffer, played by Christian Marquand; Madame Leonard Gille, French Resistance heroine, played by Irina Demich; Alexandre Renaud, mayor of Ste. Mere Eglise, portrayed by Georges Wilson; and James M. Gavin, former U.S. Ambassador to France and D-Day commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, played by Robert Ryan. Actor Kenneth More was briefed by British Captain Colin Maud.

American actors appearing in the film are: Eddie Albert, John Wayne, Paul Anka, Richard Beymer, Robert Mitchum, Henry Fonda, Robert Ryan, Rod Steiger, Robert Wagner, Mel Ferrer, Jeffrey Hunter, Sal Mineo, Roddy McDowall, Stuart Whitman, Steve Forrest, Edmund O'Brien, Fabian, Red Buttons, Tom Tryon, Alexander Knox, Tommy Sands, Ray Danton, Henry Grace, Mark Damon, Dewey Martin, John Crawford, Ron Randell, Nicholas Stuart and John McMillon.

The background musical score has been kept to a minimum, substituting instead the sounds of war and the voices of the men, but a theme, written by Paul Anka, will be used in certain sequences.

A Twentieth Century-Fox picture, produced by Darryl F. Zanuck. Screenplay by Cornelius Ryan. Running time: three hours.

rents through my mind. Maybe these buddies had once been my pals! Who would ever know?

"One of these Americans was to be immortalized, and to me, an unknown doughboy, was given the selection!

"Three times I walked around the caskets. Then something drew me to the coffin second to my right. I couldn't walk another step. It seemed as if God raised my hand and guided me as I placed the roses on that casket. This, then, was to be America's Unknown Soldier, and by that simple act I had started him on his journey of destiny!"

The sergeant was enchanted. He tarried for a second. Then, his task done, he saluted the casket, and walked back into the sunlight.

The six pallbearers carried the coffin to another room. There the selected Unknown was put into a new casket for the voyage to his native land. He was borne through the streets of Chalons-sur-Marne with crowds lining the curbs to pay silent tribute. The entire population wished bon voyage as the body was placed on a special funeral car provided by the French Government.

When the casket was taken from the train at Le Havre, it was carefully placed on a gun carriage. While a French Army band played, children piled flowers on the caisson. The gun carriage, heavily guarded by an honor escort, moved with the funeral procession to the Pier d'Escale where the *U.S.S. Olympia* waited.

An unforgettable scene took place on the dock beside the revered old warship. Here the casket, again draped in a fresh American flag, was focal point for a dramatic ceremony. Monsieur André Maginot, French Minister of Pensions, solemnly honored the Unknown when he laid France's highest military decoration, the Legion of Honor, on the casket.

Maginot was surrounded by dignitaries and military units during this ceremony, and throngs of French citizens pressed onto the dock to see the proceedings and to pay respect to the Unknown. A large detachment of French soldiers formed a backdrop for the ceremony, while a unit of the U. S. Army's 50th Infantry, part of the Army of Occupation for Germany, was in ranks nearby. While the presentation was in progress, the *U.S.S. Olympia's* Marine Guard was in formation near the foot of the ship's gangway.

As the casket came onto the dock, Capt. Erskine ordered his marines to "present arms." The ceremony was drawn out by the speeches of the important persons involved, but the marines were required to remain at "present" throughout the event. Pvt. Dale Frazier, a member of the Guard, re-

ported that his arms began to throb under the weight of his rifle. After retiring at the end of a 30-year service career, he said: "I can honestly say that I have never stood at 'present arms' so long as when we took the casket aboard at Le Havre."

Following ceremonies on the dock, the marines were marched to the ship's fantail where they were formed on the starboard side. Next to them was a large American flag. It was joined to the French tricolor at the stern post to form a patriotic display of color against which the fantail ceremony could be observed.

The flag-draped casket was positioned reverently in front of the flags. More color was added as French dignitaries brought aboard wreaths of flowers, in bloom, and other large intricate ones that were cast in bronze. These were placed near the casket as the Frenchmen delivered remarks of respect for the Unknown.

At the instant the benediction ended the fantail activities, all visitors were politely invited to leave the ship. The *U.S.S. Olympia* was quickly readied for her historic voyage to convey the dead across the deep. A constant Marine Guard was posted over the Unknown Soldier's remains, and another guarded the bronze

wreaths which today are housed in the Trophy Room at Arlington National Cemetery.

The old cruiser eased away from the dock, turned her bow into the wind, and headed home with the most honored passenger she would ever be privileged to embark. Warships of France formed a double line along the *U.S.S. Olympia's* route and fired salutes as she passed between them. Gun crews fired answering salutes. A group of French destroyers followed the *U.S.S. Olympia* far out to sea, but even before these veered to return to Le Havre, old sailors aboard the *U.S.S. Olympia* sensed that rough weather was ahead.

The Stars and Stripes were removed from above the Unknown Soldier. The steel gray casket was encased in a rough wooden box, and covered with waterproof canvas. Capt. Erskine kept an eye on this work as he contemplated ways to ensure the safety of the Unknown Soldier.

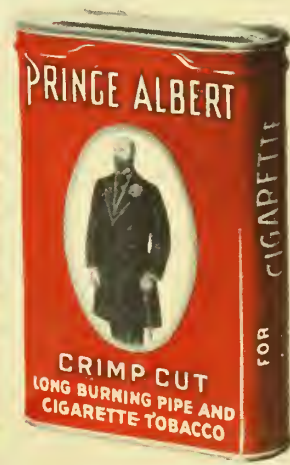
The Unknown's casket was lashed to the deck near the stern, but in view of the anticipated bad weather and the old ship's tendency to dunk herself in the rough Atlantic, the body of the Unknown was moved from the fantail to the highest available deck space on the

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after signal bridge. There it was lashed securely. The remains were kept topside because no hatch on the ship was large enough to accommodate the casket without standing it on end, and Navy authorities were reluctant to have their precious cargo handled so unceremoniously.

Reminiscing about this famous cruise, Erskine recently said: "The agonizing thought that came to me was 'What if the Unknown Soldier—the hero all America waited to honor—were washed overboard?' I knew that if such a thing happened, I might as well jump over with him."

Knowing that his career as a Marine officer would be jeopardized if anything happened to the Unknown, Erskine took special precautions against a mishap. One marine private observed: "That casket has enough line on it to secure the battleship *U.S.S. Wyoming* fore and aft with breast and spring lines to boot."

These precautions were warranted. As the ship approached the Azores, it ran into a severe storm. Erskine said: "I could see the ship's plates moving to and fro as if they were about to come apart, and green water was spilling over all weather decks in great torrents."

One marine was posted at the casket at all times. Two others were stationed nearby to help secure the canvas-wrapped coffin if it started to shift as the ship rolled and pitched in the heavy sea. During the storm, these sentries were lashed to a stanchion so that they could not be swept from their post by a sudden wave crashing across the decks.

Pvt. Frederick A. Landry was assigned a dreaded mid-watch during the rough part of the voyage. The young private developed a severe case of self-pity during the early hours of his watch. "I began feeling sorry for myself, having to stand there in such a small area with rain and wind pelting me in the face," he said, "but my self-sorrow didn't last long. I soon realized that what I was doing was little enough compared to what the Unknown Soldier had done—given his life."

Landry remembers that the little *U.S.S. Olympia* rolled 39 degrees as she was tossed about in the huge billows, while all hands and the ship's cook speculated on how close she would come to capsizing on the next roll. An Army colonel, who was a veteran traveler and a passenger on the trip remarked: "I've crossed the Atlantic 23 times, but this is my roughest trip."

In addition to the Army colonel, the *U.S.S. Olympia* carried two Navy passengers. One was to become world famous, the other was destined to become an important figure within the Navy. Navy Lt. Comdr. Richard E. Byrd was aboard, and he and Erskine formed a friendship that lasted through the former's lifetime. Byrd originally had planned to fly from

Europe to the United States but missed the plane and instead traveled aboard the *U.S.S. Olympia*. The plane that was to have flown him crashed before reaching its destination and all aboard were lost.

The second Navy passenger was Lt. Edward A. Duff of the Chaplain's Corps. He became Chief of Navy Chaplains in 1935. The *U.S.S. Olympia's* skipper requested Chaplain Duff to pray for the safety of the ship when the storm became so ferocious that it was apparent that only divine intervention would save the ship. The chaplain assembled in the mess



"Hi, officer! I'm Gillen of the plain clothes squad."
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hall with members of the crew who were off watch. They grasped stanchions to hold themselves in place as the ship tossed in the storm.

Duff told the crew that God was with the ship and that He was watching over the crew. He explained that a grateful nation was awaiting the safe arrival of the *U.S.S. Olympia*. Then he led the crew in prayers that the lone soldier lying unknown in a canvas-covered coffin on a deck far above them would reach the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Though Duff's prayers were answered, another serious problem developed. While struggling to make her way through the storm-tossed ocean, the *U.S.S. Olympia* had consumed more coal than expected. She became lighter in the water as more and more coal was burned, and as the coal was consumed the ship's roll and pitch increased. The "black gang" finally used all the coal near the boilers, and the deck sailors were called on to assist in passing coal from reserve bunkers.

Even after all available sailors turned to, the boiler fires couldn't be kept going; so the Navy called on the Marines. All leathernecks off watch, except Capt. Ers-

kine and 1st Sgt. Edward A. Mullen, were ordered to assist. The marines pitched in with a great deal of spirit and set up a wheelbarrow chain to shuttle coal, which soon piled high at the mouth of the fire doors.

Pvt. Landry said: "Never has there been a happier bunch of marines than when we sighted Cape Henry Light. I saw it when a group of marines were sent topside for a breath of fresh air. We realized then that our coal-passing had done the trick and that the *U.S.S. Olympia* would arrive on schedule."

The U. S. destroyer *Bernadou* escorted the ship into the capes and up the Potomac toward Washington, where the Unknown Soldier was to receive an overwhelming reception marked by unprecedented demonstrations of respect.

The *U.S.S. Olympia* anchored off Indian Head, Md., to prepare for her arrival in the national Capital. The ship was being quickly cleaned and following Navy tradition, a coat of paint was hurriedly applied to her outside surfaces.

With her coal supply practically exhausted, the *U.S.S. Olympia* rode high in the water, but still dragged bottom from time to time as she eased up the Potomac.

Pvt. Frazier took over the guard on the Unknown Soldier's casket before the ship passed Mount Vernon. A steady rain was falling. Frazier's spirit was touched when the ship executed the honors that Navy regulations still prescribe for vessels passing the tomb of the Father of Our Country.

The ship's bell tolled, and the full guard and band fell in on the quarter-deck. When the ship was opposite George Washington's tomb, the Marine Guard presented arms and taps sounded. With the ending of taps, the tolling bell was suddenly quiet. The ensign would normally have been two-blocked at this point, but in deference to the Unknown Soldier, the two great flags were permitted to continue flying at half-staff.

The *U.S.S. Olympia* finally docked safely at the Navy Base in Washington on November 9, 1921. When the ship arrived, Frazier was standing the afternoon watch on what was probably the most unusual post ever manned by Marines. He would be the last marine ever to guard the Unknown Soldier.

Frazier saluted rigidly as he released the Unknown Soldier's body to the sailors and marines who had been designated to lift the flag-draped casket and tenderly carry it through a line of side boys at the head of the ship's gangway.

Eight bells struck at that moment, in traditional, rapid, twin strokes. Attention was sounded on a bugle. A shrill salute to the dead was piped by the boatswain. Capt. Erskine marched the Marine Guard onto the dock. Across from where he assembled the Guard, the Army's

Third Cavalry waited at "present saber."

An impressive group of VIPs waited on the dock to pay tribute to the Unknown Soldier. Secretary of War John W. Weeks headed this contingent. Next to him stood Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby. Beside Denby was General John J. Pershing, who had returned from his assignment in England. Then there was Admiral Robert E. Coontz, Chief of Naval Operations, and Assistant Secretary of War Jonathan M. Wainwright. After Wainwright came Army Major General James G. Harbord and the Marine Corps' Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune, two officers who served as commanders of the Second Division in France.

Near them were assembled Rear Admiral Lloyd H. Chandler and his staff.

The detail bearing the Unknown moved slowly and carefully down the gangway and out on the cobblestoned dock. It was slick from the slowly falling rain. Erskine commanded, "present

arms." The casket was placed and thoroughly secured on a waiting gun caisson drawn by six black horses. As the sailors and marines marched back aboard the *U.S.S. Olympia*, custody of the Unknown's body shifted to the Army.

A mounted band played *Onward Christian Soldiers* as the caisson moved off with the cavalry as honor escort.

The Unknown was accepted into the heart of America with more emotion, more ceremony, more pomp, more reverence than had ever been displayed in this country. For 41 years he has bivouacked with the dead in Arlington Cemetery on a quiet hill overlooking the nation's Capital.

The Unknown Soldier has been joined by an unknown comrade from the dead of World War II, and another who was killed in the Korean War. Together they represent the spirit of peace-seeking that characterized America on that Armistice Day in 1921 when our original Unknown Soldier was laid finally to rest. THE END

YOUR CHILDREN NEED A SECOND SET OF PARENTS

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or an insurance policy, the personal guardian can easily double in brass.

But if the estate is sizable and large investments are involved, it is far wiser to appoint a special property guardian to look after the affairs of the estate, make necessary investments, handle the money, taxes, real estate, and other financial problems. He is the one who must make the decisions about how the money is to be invested, how much is to be allotted for education, recreation, and other needs.

Often a person ideally suited for the role of bringing up children is innocent of money matters and unable to cope wisely with large sums of money. Such a person, with all the love and good intentions in the world, could make a mess of your estate.

It is common practice to name a close friend or relative as personal guardian. Frequently a lawyer, business associate or financial advisor is chosen as property guardian.

Many probate court judges cite money as the greatest source of contention in the appointment of guardians. Conspiracies to gain control of the money and property left to minors are legion. The larger the estate, the greater the need for appointing a responsible caretaker.

For this reason, the wisest and safest choice of property guardian is probably a bank. The trust department of a bank has more experience in the management of estates than an individual would have, and the chances of mismanagement or dishonesty are greatly reduced. In either case, an annual accounting must be rendered to the court of the preceding year's

expenditures and investments.

The personal guardian does not account directly to the court. He draws his funds for the child's support and expenses from the property guardian, who in turn renders the accounting.

An alternative to a property guardian is a trusteeship. Many lawyers and judges recommend this method of handling large estates. A testamentary trust can be set up in the will. Then, following the instructions you have outlined in your will, an experienced trust company will expertly handle all financial and legal affairs for your children.

While both a trustee and a property guardian receive the same fee by law (usually 1 percent of the estate), a trustee has greater latitude in managing the estate. He is not obligated to report to the court as frequently. He is permitted to touch the principal as well as the income of the trust. The property guardian is more limited, which means that his investments are usually more conservative. In practice this often means the difference between investing in the stock market and keeping the money in the bank or in high quality bonds.

It should be mentioned, however, that since the much-publicized court case of Jackie Coogan some years ago, there are strong legal safeguards to protect the property of minors. Coogan had made millions of dollars as a child actor, but the money was dissipated by his parents. Nowadays, trust funds set up for children, whether their parents are alive or deceased, are not easily manipulated by irresponsible or unscrupulous adults.

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guardians are limited to legal and safe investments. And the court accounting is a strict and well-supervised affair. At the age of 21, the minor is given a final accounting of the money held for him by his trustee or guardian. He then assumes full charge of the money left in the estate.

After you have made the big decision about guardianship, whether your estate requires only one guardian or a combination of those mentioned, you must then proceed to the difficult task of selecting the right person or persons.

When you have agreed on an individual or couple, the chosen ones should be consulted. After all, you are not, as Ruth Lewinson, Treasurer of the New York County Lawyers Association, says, "confering a favor, but are passing on a great and sometimes time-consuming and arduous responsibility."

If the persons chosen are willing to be designated, then the next step is to have the clause naming them inserted in your will. If you have not yet drawn your will, do so, and be sure that such a clause is part of it.

Aside from the legal steps involved in guardianship, the personal aspects are vital. Once the arrangements have been made, it is sensible to discuss the personalities of your children with the persons involved. Talk over their preferences and problems, as well as your aspirations for their future. If you can, make your goals as specific as possible. In this way, prospective guardians are acquainted with your ideas and desires.

The pathetic case of Tommy Andrus might have been avoided if his parents had made known their wishes for his future.

At ten, Tommy showed great artistic promise. He had drawn since babyhood, and his parents encouraged him and hoped that one day he might become a professional artist. His father was an engineer, but he appreciated Tommy's ability. When Andrus and his wife died unexpectedly in a common accident (without designating a guardian for him), he was sent to live with distant relatives who had never met him.

This aunt and uncle were well-intentioned, but practical, no-nonsense people, and they soon put a stop, as they told the judge, to Tommy's "scribbling all over everything, making a mess with those paints and brushes." They forced him to give up what they called his "artistic foolishness."

Tommy, a sensitive, somewhat shy child, was not a particularly good student in school, but his gift for drawing was his way of expressing himself. The loss of this outlet, following so soon after the loss of his parents, was too much for him.

Today, as an adolescent, he is a rebellious, troubled boy. The high school guidance counselor believes his problems stem from being frustrated in what he

wanted to do and found security in doing well. His guardians' rejection of his artistic efforts was interpreted by Tommy as a rejection of him.

If Tommy's parents had provided guardians for him and had discussed his talent and goals with them, his life might be very different today.

What is the fate, legally, of a child whose parents have neglected to name a guardian for him? Are the results always dismal and unfortunate? No, of course not. But even at best, they are chancy.

What happens is this: the matter goes to the local probate court. The judge of this court has only one guiding precept: the law.

The judge is anxious, naturally, to make the most satisfactory solution possible for the child. But not knowing the principals involved, he is not in a position to make the choice the parents might have made.

The judge usually calls together informally the close relatives of the child and tries to make arrangements acceptable to all for the most convenient care of the child or children involved. If the child is 14 years old, he can legally choose his own guardian. Or if a guardian is not satisfactory, a child, upon reaching the age of 14, is legally permitted to change guardians. This prerogative is rarely exercised.

In any case, assigning a guardian is not always an easy task. If the property left to the child is minimal, often the relative who agrees to care for the child will be appointed his property guardian as well. If a large estate is involved, the judge usually designates a trust company or bank, or sometimes even a lawyer, to act as property guardian. But a bank is not equipped to raise children, so the choice of a proper personal guardian looms as a difficult assignment for a conscientious probate judge.

Once the decision is made, the local children's welfare society customarily investigates the home of the family that agrees to take the child.

In instances where there are no living relatives and no funds available for the child's care, he becomes a ward of the state. The probate judge then consults local welfare agencies to see if they can make arrangements for his care. Sometimes a welfare agency of his religious persuasion will undertake to place him in a home. Often the child is "farmed out" to a "foster parent," who is paid by the state to care for him for a certain length of time. Then he might be moved to another foster home and then another. There is no need to elaborate on the psychological impact these uprootings can have on a child.

The danger in leaving the decision of guardianship to the dispassionate justice of the probate court is that the judge, not knowing the people involved, must allow

a large margin for error. Even the wisest judge is not infallible.

It is a sad fact that property is often better protected than people. Whereas a property guardian must account to the court annually, *a personal guardian never accounts at all*. He requests funds from the property guardian for the child's upkeep; but as far as the court is concerned, once a personal guardian is appointed, the case is closed. Only if relatives or neighbors subsequently press charges of abuses, misconduct or negligence against the guardian, does the matter ever come to the attention of the court.

Whenever money is involved, decisions become harder for the court and arguments among the relatives more inflammatory. Even a relatively small estate can result in an acrimonious, disputatious court case, as Surrogate Judge Donald G. Dutcher points out in "What Happens When a Man Dies?"

He cites the case of a Mr. H. who died 30 days after his wife, leaving a \$10,000 life insurance policy, with his wife named beneficiary. He had not had time after her death to change the beneficiary.

Mr. H.'s 12 year-old son Tom was entitled to the money; but as insurance companies cannot pay benefits to minors, the money could only be paid through a guardian or trustee. Mr. H. had neglected to appoint a guardian for Tom.

No sooner was the funeral over than all the relatives piled into court to claim a share of the money. Mrs. H. had 13 adult brothers and sisters, who insisted that as she was the legal beneficiary and they were her relatives, they were entitled to share in the estate. Disputing their claims were Mr. H.'s four brothers and their wives.

In spite of the surfeit of relatives who might have cared for young Tom, not one expressed an interest in anything but the \$10,000 involved.

After extensive investigation, the presiding judge dismissed the entire greedy clan and named a close, trusted friend of Mr. H. as Tom's guardian. As guardian, the man became administrator of Mr. H.'s estate and was awarded possession of the insurance money, which was to be used in Tom's maintenance and support. At 21, Tom will legally release his guardian and will then take possession of whatever money might still remain at that time.

Next to money as a source of friction and dissension in guardianship cases, most judges cite religious differences as the single most disruptive element.

In one court battle in New York City, two young children were fought over by both sets of grandparents who were members of two different religions, both anxious to impose their beliefs on their grandchildren. The deceased parents had

been members of still another religious sect. All thought of what the parents might have wished for their children was ignored.

The grandparents could not, or would not, reach an agreement, so the court finally appointed an aunt as guardian for the youngsters. The irony of this decision was that the aunt, an eccentric, dogmatic woman, had herself differed sharply with the children's parents on the subject of religion. She was probably the last choice they would have made to be their children's guardian. Yet because of their neglect of a guardianship clause in their will, their children's future was in her rigid, authoritarian hands.

These are just a few of the ever-increasing numbers of court cases that might, with a little parental foresight, have ended more happily. Considering how relatively simple the procedure is for appointing guardians, it is unfortunate that so many people ignore this all-important aspect of providing for the future of their children.

One of the most tragic situations that can result from lack of planning is to have a family separated. And yet this has happened on numerous occasions when large families and small funds were involved. One relative often can not undertake the upbringing of a family of

five or six children, and so the youngsters are dispersed to several relatives. Such a situation can even occur when money is not a problem, and somehow it seems even more tragic then, because it is so unnecessary.

As Judge Dutcher says: "Second-best parenthood is at best only a substitute." But at least you can make arrangements so that it will be a decent, responsible, worthy substitute.

Judge John P. Keating of the probate court of Stamford, Connecticut, who handles many adoption cases, advises all prospective parents adopting children to appoint guardians immediately. He urges them to add clauses to their wills as soon as possible—"just in case" of an accident. Judge Keating, like all probate judges, has seen too many examples of what happens when parents neglect this fundamental precaution.

Americans are probably the most insurance-conscious people in the world. We have life insurance, auto insurance, fire, theft, casualty and property insurance. We provide for future eventualities in so many ways.

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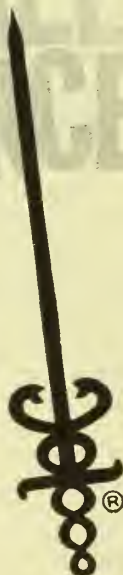
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This privileged class has often discouraged the rise of new and younger leaders, and has been quick to stifle any who thought that a new age required the slightest departure from the political or economic methods or systems that have been in existence since colonial times. Because they control trade and the sources of wealth, these groups are still able to dominate national as well as local politics in their countries. In Peru, 10 percent of the population owns 80 percent of the agricultural land. In drought-ridden northern Brazil, 3 percent of the people own 90 percent of the land. Worse still, they are monoculturists—one croppers. They produce primarily for export—sugar, coffee, cotton and a few other staples for quick cash. Food crops are not produced in quantity or variety sufficient to supply even their own workmen throughout the year, much less to fill the requirements of the great urban centers. Only in Mexico and one or two other countries has diversification made any headway. Consequently, the vast populations in the agricultural regions are out of work more than half, and sometimes two-thirds of the year. Many of them are also hungry.

Most of the countries must import, at high prices, a major portion of all they eat. In many of them, the same landholding classes own all the local banks, the import houses, the principal newspapers and other means of communication; all of which gives them a stranglehold on the people and governments.

New factors however, are bringing about drastic social changes which are also contributing to current political instability in Latin America.

For some years following World War I, European, as well as American industrialists, had been setting up branch plants in principal urban centers such as: Mexico City; Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Buenos Aires, Argentina. World War II brought an unprecedented boom to these and numbers of other populous regions. The United States and its allies needed every pound of minerals, foods and fibers Latin America could supply. New mines, oil fields and processing plants were opened up. Millions of people found better jobs.

Gradually, in these industrial areas, a new and potent, if still small, middle class emerged. Before World War II, sons from the more prosperous families of the professional classes, doctors, engineers and scientists had been going abroad for at least part of their education. In turn, they sent their children abroad for special studies, principally to the United States. The industrial age swelled the middle class and sent still

more young people abroad for technical training.

Back home, these new generations have demanded a greater measure of personal and political freedom, as well as the right to share in the responsibilities and leadership of society and government. They have become ashamed of strong men and dictators. Had not half the world engaged in war to destroy the powerful Fascist and Nazi dictatorships?

Over the years, the strong men were pulled down — Getulio Vargas of Brazil, Juan Peron of Argentina, Gustavo Rojas



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Pinilla of Colombia, Marcos Pérez Jiménez of Venezuela, Fulgencio Batista of Cuba and, finally, Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic.

Luckily, in a few instances, capable men were able to assume leadership and steer the countries toward freer political institutions. But in most cases, the demands of this new middle class met with unyielding resistance. As a result, the middle class has grown increasingly angry over the inequalities and inequities that for decades have been heaped upon the working classes, the peasants and the Indians; and intolerant of the reactionaries, or the oligarchs — as they now are referred to, who oppose any increase in taxes or wages, improved living conditions, and the spending of more money for public schools, public housing and hospitals.

It was at this point that the extremists, the professional troublemakers, and especially the communists, entered the picture. They began slowly but effectively to infiltrate the new liberal groups and subtly to fan the flames of discon-

tent. They goaded labor unions, students, and the less fortunate classes of the people into public demonstrations and often into violence.

In most cases this brought the military into action. Inevitably someone would get hurt and the professionals had a martyr, then a battle cry, and eventually a social revolution. In the end they seized leadership of many of the reform movements. Thus in 1943, a Fascist, Juan Peron, took over Argentina; in 1950, a red puppet, Jacobo Arbenz Guzmán gained control of Guatemala; and finally in 1959, a boastful communist, Fidel Castro, became the despot of Cuba.

When the less extreme among these new leaders succeeded in coming to power and found themselves unable to induce their own propertied classes to accept their unprecedented "reforms," they began blaming the foreigners. Naturally, the fanatical nationalists, the professional leftists, the anti-gringos — (particularly the anti-Yankee elements) and, of course, the communists, egged them on. The extremists raised the cry that "the big foreign oil, mining, power, and other outside companies are exploiting our natural resources. They are taking all the money out and leaving nothing."

Strange as it may seem, many of the oligarchs have given tacit, and sometimes open approval to such charges. They reason that so long as it is the foreigners who are under fire, they themselves will be left alone, or so they think. At any rate, much of this nationalistic sentiment has been found in the columns and editorials of their newspapers and heard on their radio stations.

The ruling classes in much of Latin America seldom pay more than a pittance in taxes. In some countries, an income tax is still unheard of and land taxes are often what they were a century ago, sometimes no more than a few cents an acre. It has long been their custom to send most of their money abroad for safekeeping, instead of investing it at home. One State Department estimate places the amount of Latin American money on deposit in foreign banks at more than six billion dollars.

Desperate for new sources of revenue, the new liberal as well as some of the old rightist regimes have slapped all manner of taxes and tariffs on the big foreign companies, such as special property and income taxes. High tariffs on all imports of machinery and supplies are levied on mining companies. In most countries, exorbitant export taxes are collected on all minerals shipped abroad. Foreigners must not only pay special taxes on whatever earnings they send home, but they must pay a higher exchange rate for the dollars or pounds they buy. In the case of public utilities, there are drastic limitations on earnings,

without any increases in rates. This now applies to the copper companies in Chile, the oil companies of Venezuela and the power companies in Brazil and a half dozen other countries.

In some of the big countries, this has led inevitably to "nationalization," meaning confiscation, often without compensation. Castro took over and refused to pay a dollar for the American power and telephone companies as well as the sugar plantations in Cuba. Jacobo Arbenz Guzmán seized lands of the United Fruit Company as well as many nationally owned coffee plantations in Guatemala, and offered to pay only a token of their value in worthless 20-year bonds. Only recently, several governors of states in Brazil have confiscated United States owned utilities, some without any remuneration. Other governments are threatening to do the same thing.

Many of the wealthy Latins are even more ardent advocates of bigger loans and massive aid from the United States than the liberals, believing foreign money will further minimize their responsibilities in rescuing their masses from poverty and providing such needed public services as roads, schools and hospitals.

Unfortunately, we ourselves have fallen victim to what many competent observers of the Latin American scene feel to be the mistaken idea that we can maintain our leadership, fend off political and social crises, and effectively counter communist infiltration of Latin America, by plying the Latin governments with loans and other aid. Every administration from that of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the present one has subscribed to this thesis.

But the Kennedy Administration has capped the record with a gigantic ten-year, 20-billion-dollar financial and economic program called The Alliance for Progress. It has pledged in direct loans and aid roughly a billion dollars a year directly or through the various hemisphere and international economic agencies to which we are the principal contributors. The balance is supposed to come from private investment sources in this country and, it is hoped, from the newly prosperous nations of Europe.

Sadly enough, the Administration did not exact an ironclad promise from the Latins to make certain tax and land reforms so that their own wealthy classes would share more equitably in financing the program. So far, except for Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela and a few others, there has been little indication that they intend to do so.

Worst of all, we have gone ahead making loans, granting aid, laying out surplus foods, extending so-called "military assistance," financing contingents from the Peace Corps and making many other multi-million dollar contributions to the welfare of several of these coun-



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Governor Leonel Brizzola of Rio Grande do Sul, home state of President Joao Goulart, and a brother-in-law of the President, denounced The Alliance for Progress as a "form of neo-colonialism." Governor Brizzola is also one of the chief practitioners in his country of the nationalization and confiscation of United States properties.

Meantime, while Brazilians are holding out one hand for bigger loans and more aid, and taking over or putting the squeeze on United States companies with the other, we do nothing. Far from taking retaliatory measures, we continue to buy the bulk of Brazil's coffee for cash, and permit it to come into the country duty-free.

The many problems that aggravate our relations with Latin America are not likely to be solved or even minimized until this country begins to take a firm stand in defense of its legitimate interests and rights, to demand respect and fairness for United States investors, and honest use of the money we lend them.

But we are going to have to live with Latin America, no matter what happens. These countries are the closest nations in the world to us and always will be. Political instability, economic chaos, the rise of isms and ideologies alien to our own, and the recurring social evils that go with them, are just as dangerous to every citizen of the United States as a case of yellow fever in a neighbor's home.

In the political field we have got to decide whether we, as the great anti-totalitarian and anti-communist power in the New World, shall go on tolerating such communist mountebanks as Fidel Castro and his would-be emulators. This does not mean that we have to land an army or shed blood in the island next door, either. If Russia can build a wall through the heart of Berlin and shoot and imprison East Germans to keep them from fleeing to the West, we can certainly throw a blockade around the tiny island of Cuba to prevent Russia or any other country from sending in guns and "technicians" with which to bolster the Castro regime and terrorize the Cuban people.

When Brazilian Governor Leonel Brizzola, or some other official in Brazil, decides to take over American property without paying for it, and his President brother-in-law gives his consent to such action by remaining completely silent, we ought to say quietly but firmly: "Gentlemen, no more money, and we will have to buy our coffee from other countries with overstocked surpluses, until you decide to accord our citizens fair treatment."

Otherwise, American private investments will continue to be nationalized

and confiscated, our aid money will be misappropriated, and opportunist politicians will treat us with contempt. Moreover, as long as we tolerate Castro and his kind, the oligarchs will continue to stash away their own money in foreign banks, foreign bonds, and foreign properties, and expect us to save their masses from starvation.

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way to help our neighbors is to insist that they first help themselves. We are going to continue to make loans and extend aid to them. Congress has committed us to do so, whether we like it or not. But we should never release the actual cash to finance a highway, a housing project, a school or make up a government deficit in any country, as we have been doing, unless and until the people of that country, the monied groups as well as the middle and working classes, are willing to assume their share of the responsibility.

What is even more important, such loans and assistance should never be handed over, in lump sum, to local governments and local politicians. It should be channeled through responsible banks and financial agencies that account for every penny. Politicians will howl that we are reflecting on their "honor and national sovereignty," but when they learn they can't get the money any other way, they are not likely to refuse it.

Our diplomatic representation could be bolstered and many blunders prevented, if the various administrations would stop paying off political debts by appointing inexperienced ambassadors and directors of inter-American affairs. But all of them, Republican and Democratic, do it. When crises arise, as they did when Castro turned Cuba into a revolutionary volcano, or when the military took over in Peru, after pulling Dr. Manuel Prado, the constitutional President out of the palace at three

o'clock in the morning, Washington fumbles. This fumbling is due to lack of expert advice.

The long-standing State Department practice of shifting foreign service officers from one part of the world to the other every year or two, instead of training them as specialists in specific areas, has resulted in a situation where professional diplomats are often just as ineffective in crises as nonprofessionals.

Practically every new President in recent years has made the mistake of appointing unofficial observers from among close friends or White House advisors, to "oversee and keep an eye on Latin American affairs." Often these persons are even less experienced in Latin American matters than anyone else.

President Eisenhower continually consulted his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, on Latin American policies, and frequently sent him on important diplomatic and economic missions to different countries. Dr. Milton Eisenhower is a charming man and a distinguished educator, but had no background or linguistic training that properly fitted him for the missions he undertook.

In the very beginning, the Kennedy Administration turned over Latin American relations to first one and then another group of intellectuals, most of whom had never had any experience in the field. Chief among these was Mr. Richard N. Goodwin, at the time a 29-year-old Harvard graduate totally lacking in any intimate first-hand knowledge of the vast world to the south of us.

We still vacillate in our policies concerning military dictators and leftist revolutionaries. We used to land the Marines, and assume the administration of government to "teach the people how to govern themselves." More recently, we have been chummy with left-of-center elements. Some of the New Frontiersmen have even argued that our best hope for "democracy and stability in Latin America is to support the 'non-communist left.'"

Both the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations subscribed to the policy of "a cold shoulder for the dictators and strong men and a warm embrace for the democratic regimes." Yet, we rushed breathlessly to recognize the communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro after the overthrow of strong man Batista. Then overnight, after the military coup d'état in Peru, we slashed diplomatic ties and suspended all economic aid.

It would seem that only a primary knowledge of human nature and foreign affairs would convince any President or Secretary of State that it is a mistake to go all-out for any extremist, whether of the right or left. Caution in recognizing or giving aid to any individual who takes power by force, until he has proven himself and shown his true colors, is com-

nonsense. We certainly should be extremely slow in extending him loans or military aid. He could turn out to be another Peron or Castro.

Nor should we go from one extreme of laying out elaborate military equipment to oversized armies, navies and air forces in these countries, to the opposite extreme of denying them any arms at all, as many Congressmen are now demanding. Current critics of the "Latin American arms program" would also stop sending military missions and military instructors to train them in the use of such equipment. The Latins will get arms anyway, from Russia as Castro has, or from some other European or Asiatic source. They always have. It is certainly less hazardous for us to provide them with a moderate amount of American equipment than to have the communist nations dumping it into their laps.

More important, it is desirable to have American missions and officers on duty with the Latin military forces, for it is always possible that we may get across a few of our ideas.

In spite of the many ills that today afflict the Latin American countries, the general and dangerous tendencies toward political instability, the economic chaos and exploitation of American capital, and an unwillingness on the part of the ruling classes to bear a fair share of their own national responsibilities, all is not lost in Latin America.

The political field is not wholly bankrupt of honest and sincere leaders. Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo, who has just retired after four years as President of Colombia, is an outstanding example of this new generation. He became Chief Executive of his country after a decade of dictatorship and civil war, and succeeded in making constitutional and democratic government work unusually smoothly. He brought about a widespread spirit of cooperation between many bitterly warring political factions. He restored financial integrity in government, confidence among foreign investors, boosted private enterprise and induced many rich nationals to repatriate and invest their money at home.

As a youngster, Governor Carlos Lacerda of the Brazilian State of Guanabara, which encompasses the great city of Rio de Janeiro, was a "reforming" crusader, with a Marxist tendency. Today, he is a bulwark of democratic conservatism in Brazil. He not only opposes the leftist policies and practices of President Goulart and Governor Leonel Brizola, but he is waging a relentless campaign to convince the Brazilian people of the consequences of such extremism.

Dr. Alvaro Alsogaray, a young economist of Argentina, known for his deep devotion to the free private enterprise system, has been called on to try to save that shaky South American republic

from financial disaster. The former left wing government of President Arturo Frondizi had previously called him into service but dismissed him when the leftists and nationalists attacked him for being pro-United States. He now seems to be the only man in whom the responsible elements of the country have any confidence and presently is Minister of Economy.

At the Punta del Este foreign ministers conference last January, it was surprising to find a majority of the delegates from all the republics, led by representatives of Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Peru, Venezuela and others, willing to stand firmly with the United States for the expulsion of Fidel Castro's government from the "Organizations of American States." Some of them were for even more drastic action. This was a complete change of position since August, 1960, when, at a similar meeting in San Jose Costa Rica, only Guatemala and one or two others were willing to take such a stand.

The greatest promise for the future is to be found in the economic and business fields. In many of the countries, even some of those whose governments lean heavily to the left, large and growing numbers of younger businessmen are carrying the banner for enlightened private enterprise. The largest groups are in Mexico and southern Brazil. The Mexican manufacturers and industrial associations, among whose elder statesmen are two former Presidents of the Republic, General Abelardo Rodriguez and Senor Miguel Alemán, have succeeded in blocking the headlong tendency of their present political leaders toward complete state socialism. At least they have been able to gain more liberal and fairer legislation governing national private capital, and considerable relaxation of restrictions on foreign business enterprise. The powerful industrial groups in Sao Paulo, Brazil, are also steadfastly opposing the Goulart-Brizola leftist policies.

In a number of countries, even some of the old reactionary wealthy classes are learning that severe restrictions against, and the expropriation of foreign investments can be a serious danger to their own properties.

One thing is certain, the rise of Castro and the economic and political catastrophe he has brought to Cuba has had a sobering effect upon many of the powerful owners of newspapers south of the border. From Mexico to Argentina there are few metropolitan dailies that do not denounce the Castro regime, and warn of the menace of Castroism and communism.

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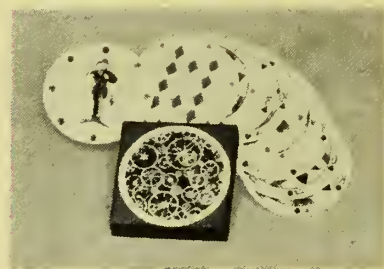
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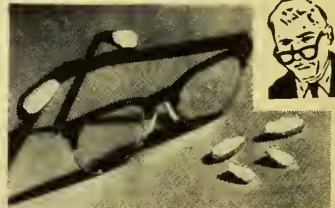


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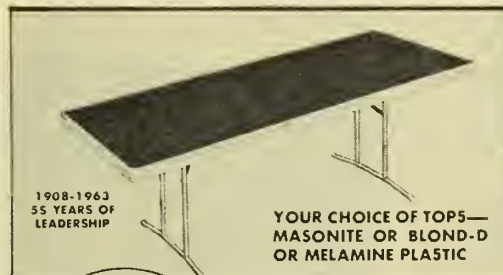
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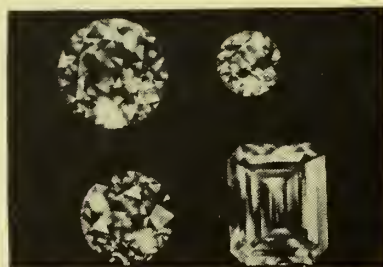
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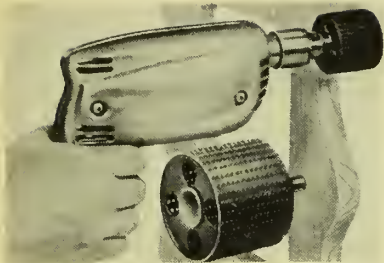
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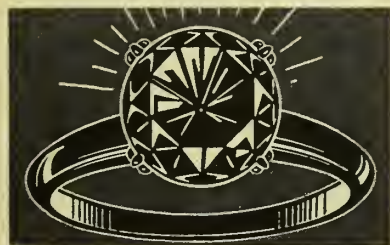
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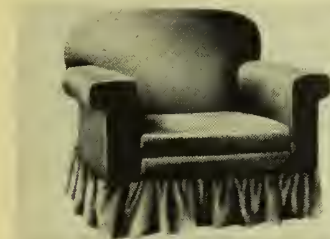
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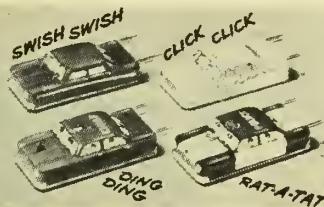
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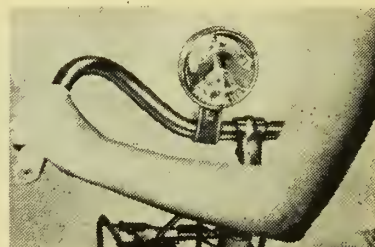
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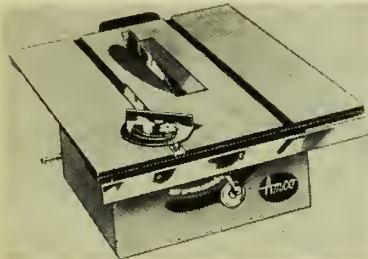
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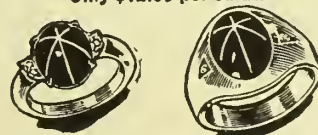
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